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# S. 2288

To provide for the reform and continuing legislative oversight of the production, procurement, dissemination, and permanent public access of the Government's publications, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 10, 1998

Mr. WARNER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       (a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following find-  
5       ings:

6               (1) Senator Wendell H. Ford of Kentucky, who  
7       has served four terms in the U.S. Senate beginning  
8       in 1974 and has announced his retirement at the

1 end of the 105th Congress, has been a staunch advo-  
2 cate of the right of the American public to have free  
3 and open access to the publications of their Federal  
4 Government.

5 (2) Senator Ford has been a supporter and  
6 friend to libraries and education all of his political  
7 life.

8 (3) Senator Ford has become a trusted and ef-  
9 fective Member of the U.S. Senate as evidenced by  
10 his election by his peers to be Assistant Democratic  
11 Leader of the Senate on two different occasions.

12 (4) As Governor of Kentucky, Wendell Ford  
13 completely restructured and streamlined State gov-  
14 ernment to make it more responsive to the people  
15 and more effective in providing services.

16 (5) As Governor of Kentucky, Wendell Ford  
17 moved the Division of Archives and Records from  
18 the Department for Finance and Administration to  
19 the Department of Libraries to merge the State's  
20 two primary information agencies into one depart-  
21 ment.

22 (6) As Governor of Kentucky, Wendell Ford  
23 dramatically increased funding to all levels of edu-  
24 cation, and as a U.S. Senator has always supported  
25 full funding for Library Services and Construction

1 Act and Library Services and Technology Act pro-  
2 grams.

3 (7) Senator Ford shaped and sponsored the Na-  
4 tional Voter Registration Act to make it easier for  
5 citizens to participate in their government by choos-  
6 ing their leaders.

7 (8) Senator Ford, as a member of the Senate  
8 Commerce Committee, was instrumental in ensuring  
9 that the Telecommunications Act of 1996 included a  
10 provision that allows generous discounts for schools  
11 and libraries to connect with the Internet.

12 (9) Senator Ford has been a major proponent  
13 of making Federal information accessible to the peo-  
14 ple through the Federal Depository Library Pro-  
15 gram.

16 (10) Senator Ford has been a determined sup-  
17 porter of the Government Printing Office and its in-  
18 formation dissemination programs, frequently safe-  
19 guarding the resources needed for the Federal De-  
20 pository Library Program.

21 (11) Senator Ford cosponsored and supported  
22 S.J. Res. 57, the National Policy on Permanent  
23 Paper, to promote the use of permanent papers in  
24 printing Federal Government publications of endur-  
25 ing value to the people.

1           (12) Senator Ford, through his leadership role  
2           on the Senate Rules and Administration Committee  
3           and the Joint Committee on Printing, improved the  
4           people's access to Federal Government information  
5           by holding hearings on the issue of "fugitive docu-  
6           ments" in 1991.

7           (13) Senator Ford, through his leadership role  
8           on the Senate Rules and Administration Committee  
9           and the Joint Committee on Printing, was a prime  
10          mover in the passage of the "Government Printing  
11          Office Electronic Information Enhancement Act of  
12          1993," enabling GPO to move onto the electronic in-  
13          formation highway and to create an electronic stor-  
14          age facility for electronic government information.

15          (14) Senator Ford, in recognition of his active  
16          support for greater public access to Federal Govern-  
17          ment information resources, received the James  
18          Madison Award from the Coalition of Government  
19          Information in 1993.

20          (15) Senator Ford, in recognition of his lifelong  
21          support of libraries and library programs, his dedi-  
22          cation to the principle of public access to Federal  
23          Government information throughout his congres-  
24          sional career, and in honor of his retirement from  
25          the U.S. Senate after twenty-four years of distin-

1       guished service to his country and the people of the  
 2       United States, was awarded Honorary Membership  
 3       in the American Library Association on June 27,  
 4       1998.

5           (16) It is altogether fitting and proper that this  
 6       Act, the most comprehensive and far reaching pro-  
 7       posal to ensure permanent public access to the Gov-  
 8       ernment’s publications, regardless of form or format,  
 9       to come before the Congress of the United States  
 10      during the tenure of Senator Ford, be named in his  
 11      honor.

12      (b) SHORT TITLE.—This Act shall be cited as the  
 13      “Wendell H. Ford Government Publications Reform Act  
 14      of 1998”.

## 15   **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

16      The table of contents is as follows:

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- Sec. 508. Implementation actions.
- Sec. 509. Effective date.

### 1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

2 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

3 (1) in a democracy, public access to Govern-  
 4 ment publications is fundamental to fostering an in-  
 5 formed citizenry in order to promote meaningful  
 6 participation in the democratic process;

7 (2) easy and equitable access to Federal Gov-  
 8 ernment publications contributes to economic devel-  
 9 opment in many sectors of the Nation's economy;

1           (3) permanent public access to Federal Govern-  
2           ment publications through a diversity of sources, in-  
3           cluding a system of Federal publications access li-  
4           braries, should be guaranteed;

5           (4) the Federal Government should seek the  
6           most effective and efficient means of producing, dis-  
7           seminating, and providing permanent public access  
8           to its publications, and these means should not be  
9           placed at risk due to jurisdictional disputes between  
10          the branches of the Federal Government;

11          (5) duplicative in-house agency publications  
12          production is costly and inefficient and should be  
13          phased out and replaced with—

14                (A) procurement through the Government  
15                Publications Office, consistent with this Act; or

16                (B) as appropriate, from competitively se-  
17                lected private sector commercial sources;

18          (6) recent practices by Federal agencies of  
19          privatizing Government publications have resulted in  
20          a significant loss of publications that should have  
21          been made available to the public through the Fed-  
22          eral publications access program;

23          (7) technological developments provide opportu-  
24          nities for increasing efficiencies in the production  
25          and dissemination of Government publications, but

1 also pose challenges for ensuring broad-based, per-  
2 manent public access to Government publications in  
3 new forms and format;

4 (8) the establishment of a mechanism for con-  
5 temporaneous monitoring and evaluation of such de-  
6 velopments is essential in order to maintain a con-  
7 tinuous flow of timely, useful, and permanently ac-  
8 cessible Government publications to the public; and

9 (9) the dissemination and permanent public ac-  
10 cess of Government publications must be guaranteed  
11 through a mechanism with sufficient independence  
12 and authority to ensure agency compliance with  
13 their obligation to provide material for the Federal  
14 publications access program.

15 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this Act are to—

16 (1) reform the oversight and management of  
17 the production, dissemination, and permanent public  
18 access to the Federal Government’s publications;

19 (2) guarantee permanent public access to publi-  
20 cations produced by the Federal Government, re-  
21 gardless of form or format; and

22 (3) facilitate the efficient and economical pro-  
23 duction, dissemination, and permanent public access  
24 to Government publications.



1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act, the term—

3 (1) “Government Publication” has the meaning  
4 given such term under section 1902(3) of title 44,  
5 United States Code, as amended by this Act;

6 (2) “agency” has the meaning given such term  
7 under section 1902(1) of title 44, United States  
8 Code (as amended by this Act); and

9 (3) “House of Representatives” shall include  
10 the Resident Commissioner.

11 **TITLE I—TRANSFER OF FUNC-**  
12 **TIONS OF THE JOINT COM-**  
13 **MITTEE ON PRINTING**

14 **SEC. 101. PURPOSE.**

15 The purpose of this title is to provide for the orderly  
16 transfer of functions of the Joint Committee on Printing,  
17 as appropriate, to—

18 (1) the Committee on Rules and Administration  
19 of the Senate;

20 (2) the Committee on House Oversight of the  
21 House of Representatives; and

22 (3) the Government Publications Office, and as  
23 appropriate, to—

24 (A) the Administrator;

1 (B) the Superintendent of Government  
2 Publications Production and Procurement Serv-  
3 ices; and

4 (C) the Superintendent of Government  
5 Publications Access Programs.

6 **SEC. 102. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING THE**  
7 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

8 Chapter 1 of title 44, United States Code, is repealed,  
9 and the table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
10 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 1.

11 **SEC. 103. LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—All legislative oversight functions  
13 (including all oversight jurisdiction, duties, authorities,  
14 and responsibilities) of the Joint Committee on Printing  
15 on the day before the effective date of this Act shall be  
16 performed by the Committee on Rules and Administration  
17 of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of  
18 the House of Representatives on and after such date.

19 (b) REGULATION.—Unless otherwise provided by this  
20 Act, the Administrator shall cause to remain in effect as  
21 appropriate the Government Printing and Binding Regu-  
22 lations No. 26, effective February 1990, as contained in  
23 Senate Publication, S.Pub. 101–9, in effect until the Ad-  
24 ministrator of the Government Publications Office pub-

lishes final regulations in accordance with section 301 of title 44, United States Code (as amended by this Act).

**SEC. 104. REPEAL OF WAIVERS.**

All waivers granted and other provisions required of executive and judicial branch agencies and independent establishments by the Joint Committee on Printing under the Government Printing and Binding Regulations before the date of enactment of this Act shall be void 120 days following such date of enactment.

**SEC. 105. REFERENCES.**

Reference in any Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or relating to the Joint Committee on Printing shall be deemed to refer to the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, or the Government Publications Office, as appropriate.

**SEC. 106. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This title shall take effect on January 1, 1999.

## **TITLE II—GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS OFFICE**

**SEC. 201. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS OFFICE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3, title 44, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1                   **“CHAPTER 3—GOVERNMENT**  
 2                   **PUBLICATIONS OFFICE**

“Sec.

“301. Administrator; Government Publications Office: appointment; duties; and pay.

“302. Government Publications Office; Deputy Administrator: appointment; duties; and pay.

“303. Government Publications Office; employee pay.

“304. Government Publications Office; night work.

“305. Disbursing officer, deputy disbursing officer, certifying officers and employees.

“306. Revolving Fund for operation of Government Publications Office.

“307. Payments for printing, binding, blank paper, supplies, and publications production services.

“308. Procurement authority.

“309. Machinery, material, equipment, or supplies from other Government agencies.

“310. Inks, glues, and other supplies furnished to other Government agencies: payment.

“311. Branches of Government Publications Office: limitations.

“312. Detail of employees of Government Publications Office to other Government establishments.

“313. Government Publications Office security.

“314. Transfer of surplus property.

“315. Sales of reproduces.

“316. Use of Federal advisory committees.

3   **“§ 301. Administrator; Government Publications Of-**  
 4                   **fice: appointment; duties; and pay**

5           “(a) The President of the United States shall ap-  
 6 point, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
 7 the Administrator who shall take charge of and manage  
 8 the Government Publications Office.

9           “(b) The Administrator may use any measures the  
 10 Administrator considers necessary to carry out the duties  
 11 and powers of the office and to remedy neglect, delay, du-  
 12 plication, or waste in the production, procurement, and  
 13 dissemination of the Federal Government’s publications,  
 14 and to enhance and expand the dissemination of, and

1 maintenance of permanent public access to, the Federal  
2 Government's publications.

3       “(c)(1) After notice and comment, and in consulta-  
4 tion with the Office of Management and Budget, the Ad-  
5 ministrative Office of the United States Courts, the Com-  
6 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the  
7 Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
8 resentatives, the Administrator may issue regulations con-  
9 sistent with this title to carry out the purposes of this title.

10       “(2) All such regulations shall be promulgated in ac-  
11 cordance with the requirements of section 553 and section  
12 556 of title 5, United States Code, and the requirements  
13 of chapter 7, United States Code.

14       “(3) All such regulations shall be promulgated in ac-  
15 cordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code,  
16 and notwithstanding section 804(2), all such regulations  
17 promulgated shall be treated as a “major rule.”

18       “(d) The annual rate of pay for the Administrator  
19 shall be a rate equal to the rate payable for a position  
20 at level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314  
21 of title 5.

22 **“§ 302. Government Publications Office; Deputy Ad-**  
23 **ministrator; appointment; duties; and pay**

24       “(a) The Administrator shall appoint a suitable per-  
25 son to be the Deputy Administrator.

1 “(b)(1) The Deputy Administrator shall perform—

2 “(A) all duties and responsibilities assigned by  
3 the Administrator; and

4 “(B) the duties and responsibilities of the Ad-  
5 ministrator in the event of—

6 “(i) a vacancy in the office of the Adminis-  
7 trator; or

8 “(ii) incapacity of the Administrator.

9 “(2) In the event of a vacancy or incapacity under  
10 paragraph (1)(B), the Deputy Administrator shall serve  
11 until a successor Administrator is appointed, but for no  
12 longer than 1 year after a vacancy or incapacity occurs.

13 “(c) The annual rate of pay for the Deputy Adminis-  
14 trator shall be a rate equal to the rate payable for a posi-  
15 tion at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section  
16 5314 of title 5.

17 **“§ 303. Government Publications Office; employee**  
18 **pay**

19 “(a)(1) The Administrator may employ persons nec-  
20 essary for the work of the Government Publications Office  
21 at rates of wages and salaries, including compensation for  
22 night and overtime work, the Administrator considers for  
23 the interest of the Government and just to the persons  
24 employed, except as otherwise provided by this section.

1       “(2) The Administrator may not employ more per-  
2 sons than the necessities of public work require.

3       “(b) The rate of wages, including compensation for  
4 night and overtime work, for more than 10 employees of  
5 the same occupation shall be determined by a conference  
6 between the Administrator and a committee selected by  
7 the trades affected.

8       “(c)(1) Wages affecting the employees of the Govern-  
9 ment Publications Office shall be negotiated between the  
10 Administrator and bargaining representatives of the em-  
11 ployees of the Government Publications Office.

12       “(2) If the Administrator and the bargaining rep-  
13 resentatives of the employees fail to agree to wages, sala-  
14 ries, and compensation, the dispute shall be referred to  
15 an arbitrator chosen from a panel of 3 arbitrators.

16       “(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the Administrator and  
17 the bargaining representatives of the employees shall enter  
18 into an agreement that governs—

19               “(A) the selection of arbitrators for the panel;  
20       and

21               “(B) the procedures applicable to the panel.

22       “(4) The costs of the proceedings of the panel, includ-  
23 ing transcripts, shall be paid as follows:

24               “(A) 50 percent of such costs shall be paid by  
25       the Government Publications Office.

5       “(d) The wages, salaries, and compensation so deter-  
6 mined are not subject to change more than once a year.

10   **“§ 304. Government Publications Office; night work**

15   **“§ 305. Disbursing officer; deputy disbursing officer;**  
16                   **certifying officers and employees**

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1 of vouchers as may be necessary to ascertain whether they  
2 are in proper form, certified, and approved, and (3) be  
3 held accountable accordingly. However, the disbursing of-  
4 ficer shall not be held accountable or responsible for any  
5 illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any  
6 false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate, the responsibil-  
7 ity for which, under subsection (c) of this section, is im-  
8 posed upon a certifying officer or employee of the Govern-  
9 ment Publications Office.

10 “(b)(1) Upon the death, resignation, or separation  
11 from office of the disbursing officer, his accounts may be  
12 continued, and payments and collection may be made in  
13 his name, by any individual designated as a deputy dis-  
14 bursing officer by the Administrator, for a period of time  
15 not to extend beyond the last day of the second month  
16 following the month in which the death, resignation, or  
17 separation occurred. Accounts and payments shall be al-  
18 lowed, audited, and settled, and checks signed in the name  
19 of the former disbursing officer by a deputy disbursing  
20 officer shall be honored in the same manner as if the  
21 former disbursing officer had continued in office.

22 “(2) A former disbursing officer of the Government  
23 Publications Office or his estate may not be subject to any  
24 legal liability or penalty for the official accounts or de-  
25 faults of the deputy disbursing officer acting in the name

1 or in the place of the former disbursing officer. Each dep-  
2 uty disbursing officer is responsible for accounts entrusted  
3 to him under paragraph (1) of this subsection, and the  
4 deputy disbursing officer is liable for any default occurring  
5 during his service under such paragraph.

6 “(c)(1) The Administrator may designate in writing  
7 officers and employees of the Government Publications Of-  
8 fice to certify vouchers for payment from appropriations  
9 and funds. Such officers and employees shall (A) be re-  
10 sponsible for the existence and correctness of the facts re-  
11 cited in the certificate or other voucher or its supporting  
12 papers and for the legality of the proposed payment under  
13 the appropriation or fund involved, (B) be responsible and  
14 accountable for the correctness of the computations of cer-  
15 tified vouchers, and (C) be accountable for, and required  
16 to make restitution to, the United States for the amount  
17 of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting  
18 from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made  
19 by him, as well as for any payment prohibited by law or  
20 which did not represent a legal obligation under the appro-  
21 priation or fund involved. However, the Comptroller Gen-  
22 eral of the United States, may, at his discretion, relieve  
23 such certifying officer or employee of liability for any pay-  
24 ment otherwise proper whenever he finds that (i) the cer-  
25 tification was based on the official records and that such

1 certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reason-  
2 able diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained, the  
3 actual facts, or (ii) when the obligation was incurred in  
4 good faith, the payment was not contrary to any statutory  
5 provision specifically prohibiting payments of the char-  
6 acter involved, and the United States has received value  
7 for such payment. The Comptroller General shall relieve  
8 such certifying officer or employee of liability for an over-  
9 payment for transportation services made to any common  
10 carrier covered by section 3726 of title 31, whenever he  
11 finds that the overpayment occurred solely because the ad-  
12 ministrative examination made prior to payment of the  
13 transportation bill did not include a verification of trans-  
14 portation rates, freight classifications, or land grant de-  
15 ductions.

16       “(2) The liability of such certifying officers or em-  
17 ployees shall be enforced in the same manner and to the  
18 same extent as provided by law with respect to the enforce-  
19 ment of the liability of disbursing and other accountable  
20 officers. Such certifying officers and employees shall have  
21 the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comp-  
22 troller General on any question of law involved in a pay-  
23 ment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

1 **“§ 306. Revolving Fund for operation of Government**  
2 **Publications Office**

3 “(a) The revolving fund established July 1, 1953,  
4 hereafter referred to as the ‘Revolving Fund’, is available  
5 without fiscal year limitation for the operation and main-  
6 tenance of the Government Publications Office, includ-  
7 ing—

8 “(1) rental of buildings; attendance at meet-  
9 ings; maintenance and operation of the emergency  
10 room; employee training; uniforms or uniform allow-  
11 ances; and, repairs and minor alterations to build-  
12 ings;

13 “(2) any costs associated with audits performed  
14 in accordance with this Act;

15 “(3) all expenses incurred by the Superintend-  
16 ent of Government Publications Access Programs for  
17 the production of, or procurement for the production  
18 of, Government publications found to be in violation  
19 of requirements of chapter 19, as authorized by that  
20 chapter; and

21 “(4) all receipts received through a transfer by  
22 the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with  
23 chapter 19 and credited to the accounts of the Su-  
24 perintendent of Government Publications Access  
25 Programs.

1       “(b) The Revolving Fund shall be reimbursed for the  
2 cost of all services and supplies furnished the Government  
3 Publications Office and credited with all receipts including  
4 sales of printing, print procurement and related publica-  
5 tions production services, waste, condemned and surplus  
6 property, with payments received for losses or damage to  
7 property, and with receipts received through a transfer by  
8 the Secretary of the Treasury in accordance with chapter  
9 19.

10       “(c) The Administrator shall segregate the Revolving  
11 Fund into separate accounts under the authority of the  
12 Superintendent of Government Publications Production  
13 and Procurement Services and the Superintendent of Gov-  
14 ernment Publications Access Programs and all expenses  
15 and reimbursements of costs of the respective Super-  
16 intendents shall be accounted for within the Revolving  
17 Fund. The Administrator shall ensure that the accounts  
18 are kept separate and that, to the greatest extent possible,  
19 net receipts of the respective Superintendent’s programs  
20 shall be used for the benefit and enhancement of those  
21 programs, respectively.

22       “(d)(1) An adequate system of accounts for the Re-  
23 volving Fund shall be maintained on the accrual method,  
24 and financial reports prepared on the basis of accepted  
25 accounting standards. The Administrator shall prepare

1 and submit an annual business-type budget for this fund  
2 which shall include the programs and activities of the Su-  
3 perintendent of Government Publications Production and  
4 Procurement Services and the Superintendent of Govern-  
5 ment Publications Access Programs. This budget program  
6 shall be considered and enacted as prescribed by section  
7 9104 of title 31.

8 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), for the pur-  
9 poses of section 8147 of title 5, United States Code, the  
10 Government Publications Office is not considered an agen-  
11 cy which is required by statute to submit an annual budget  
12 pursuant to or as provided by chapter 91 of title 31.

13 “(e)(1) The Administrator shall prepare annual fi-  
14 nancial statements meeting the requirements of section  
15 3515(b) of title 31. The financial statements shall be au-  
16 dited each year in accordance with applicable generally ac-  
17 cepted Government auditing standards by an independent  
18 external auditor selected by the Administrator, with the  
19 concurrence of the Inspector General of the Government  
20 Publications Office, or by the Inspector General of the  
21 Government Publications Office.

22 “(2) For purposes of the audits, the Inspector Gen-  
23 eral shall have such access to the records, files, personnel,  
24 and facilities of the Government Publications Office as the  
25 Inspector General considers appropriate. The Inspector

1 General shall furnish reports of the audits to Congress and  
2 the Administrator.

3 “(3) The Comptroller General of the United States  
4 may audit the financial statements at his or her discretion  
5 or at the request of Congress. An audit by the Comptroller  
6 General shall be in lieu of the audit required under sub-  
7 section (d).

8 “(4) The costs associated with the performance of an  
9 audit conducted in accordance with this section shall be  
10 paid from receipts in the Revolving Fund credited to the  
11 accounts of the Administrator.

12 **“§ 307. Payments for printing, binding, blank paper,**  
13 **supplies, and publications production**  
14 **services**

15 “(a) An agency of the Federal Government ordering  
16 printing, binding, blank paper, supplies, or other publica-  
17 tions production services from the Government Publica-  
18 tions Office shall pay promptly by the most efficient means  
19 available, including electronic funds transfer, to the Ad-  
20 ministrator or the Administrator’s designee, upon his writ-  
21 ten request, either in advance or upon completion of the  
22 work, all or part of the estimated or actual cost, as the  
23 case may be. Bills rendered by the Administrator, or the  
24 Administrator’s designee, are not subject to audit or cer-  
25 tification in advance of payment. Adjustments on the basis

1 of the actual cost of delivered work paid for in advance  
2 shall be made monthly or quarterly and as may be agreed  
3 by the Administrator and the agency concerned.

4 “(b)(1) The Administrator shall present a bill or ad-  
5 vice of payment to an agency for which the Government  
6 Publications Office has performed work no later than 90  
7 days after work has been completed.

8 “(2) The agency shall pay the Government Publica-  
9 tions Office with funds obligated during the fiscal year in  
10 which the order was placed.

11 “(3) For congressional orders which are in process  
12 90 days before Congress adjourns, the Administrator will  
13 consult with the appropriate office to determine whether  
14 the work will be completed before Congress adjourns. The  
15 Administrator will bill for the cost of work completed for  
16 all jobs that are still in process on the date that Congress  
17 adjourns within 45 days after adjournment. The succeed-  
18 ing Congress must submit requisitions to the Government  
19 Publications Office to authorize completion of any job or-  
20 dered by the prior Congress.

21 **“§ 308. Procurement authority**

22 “(a) Purchases may be made by the Administrator  
23 without reference to the Federal Property and Administra-  
24 tive Services Act of 1949 concerning purchases for the  
25 Federal Government.



1       “(b)(1) Publications production regulations adminis-  
2       tered by the Government Publications Office shall govern  
3       the procurement of publications production services at the  
4       Government Publications Office.

5       “(2) Any agency that intends to procure publications  
6       production services through the Government Publications  
7       Office or for that agency under a delegation of authority  
8       granted by the Administrator, shall post a notice of such  
9       intent on a centralized notification system maintained by  
10      the Superintendent of Government Publications Produc-  
11      tion and Procurement Services that is electronically acces-  
12      sible.

13      “(c) The Administrator may prescribe such regula-  
14      tions, policies, and directives, not inconsistent with the  
15      provisions of this section, to carry out this section relating  
16      to the Government Publications Office.

17      “(d)(1) The Administrator may delegate and author-  
18      ize successive redelegation of any procurement authority  
19      vested in the Administrator to any official in the Govern-  
20      ment Publications Office, or any official in any agency  
21      seeking authority for the procurement of services unless  
22      the Administrator determines the Government Publica-  
23      tions Office is not able or suitably equipped to execute or  
24      as may be more economically or in the better interest of  
25      Government executed elsewhere. Such delegation or re-

1 delegation of procurement authority shall be in accordance  
2 with this chapter and chapter 19.

3 “(2)(A) No delegation, or redelegation, of authority  
4 under this section shall be granted by the Administrator  
5 until final regulations providing for the requirements of  
6 any such delegation, or redelegation, of authority are  
7 issued.

8 “(B) Regulations under subparagraph (A) shall re-  
9 quire that—

10 “(i) an agency may not contract for production  
11 of services with another agency or a private sector  
12 commercial source unless that entity has been cer-  
13 tified by the Administrator as having met the re-  
14 quirements of this title, including the notice require-  
15 ment of chapters 5 and 19, and remains certified  
16 during the course of the procurement contract;

17 “(ii) the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
18 cations Access Programs be a signatory to the pro-  
19 curement contract, or that the Superintendent other-  
20 wise certifies that a memorandum of understanding  
21 has been agreed to by the procuring agency estab-  
22 lishing the requirements to be met for the Federal  
23 publications access program; and

24 “(iii) the requirements of subsection (b) shall be  
25 met.

1       “(3) All delegations of authority for the procurement  
 2 of printing, publications services, and the manufacture of  
 3 Government publications regardless of form or format  
 4 shall be done in conformance to this chapter and chapters  
 5 5 and 19.

6       “(e)(1) Except as provided in subsections (f) and (g)  
 7 and except in the case of procurement procedures other-  
 8 wise expressly authorized by statute, the Administrator,  
 9 in conducting a procurement for property or services—

10           “(A) shall obtain full and open competition  
 11 through the use of competitive procedures in accord-  
 12 ance with the requirements of this section; and

13           “(B) shall use the competitive procedure or  
 14 combination of competitive procedures that is best  
 15 suited under the circumstances of the procurement.

16       “(2) In determining the competitive procedures ap-  
 17 propriate under the circumstances, the Administrator—

18           “(A) shall solicit sealed bids if—

19               “(i) time permits the solicitation, submis-  
 20 sion, and evaluation of sealed bids;

21               “(ii) the award will be made on the basis  
 22 of price and other price-related factors;

23               “(iii) it is not necessary to conduct discus-  
 24 sions with the responding sources about their  
 25 bids; and

1           “(iv) there is a reasonable expectation of  
2           receiving more than 1 sealed bid; and

3           “(B) shall request competitive proposals if  
4           sealed bids are inappropriate under subparagraph  
5           (A).

6           “(f) In addition to the authority otherwise provided  
7           by law, the Administrator may use procedures other than  
8           competitive procedures only if—

9           “(1) the property or services needed by the  
10          Government are available from only 1 responsible  
11          source and no other type of property or services will  
12          satisfy the needs of the Government;

13          “(2) the Government’s need for the property or  
14          services is of such an unusual and compelling ur-  
15          gency that the Government would be seriously in-  
16          jured unless the Administrator is permitted to limit  
17          the number of sources from which the Government  
18          Publications Office solicits bids or proposals;

19          “(3) a statute expressly authorizes a specified  
20          source; and

21          “(4) the Administrator determines that it is  
22          necessary in the public interest to use procedures  
23          other than competitive procedures in the particular  
24          procurement concerned.

1 “(g)(1) In order to promote efficiency and economy  
 2 in contracting and to avoid unnecessary burdens for the  
 3 Government and contractors, the regulations issued, in ac-  
 4 cordance with this section, shall provide for special sim-  
 5 plified procedures for small purchases of property and  
 6 services.

7 “(2) For the purposes of this section, a small pur-  
 8 chase is a purchase or contract for an amount which does  
 9 not exceed the small purchase threshold.

10 “(3) A proposed purchase or contract for an amount  
 11 greater than the small purchase threshold may not be di-  
 12 vided into several purchases or contracts for lesser  
 13 amounts in order to use the small purchase procedures  
 14 required under paragraph (1).

15 “(4) In using small purchase procedures, the Admin-  
 16 istrator shall promote competition to the maximum extent  
 17 practicable.

18 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘small purchase  
 19 threshold’ has the meaning given such term by regulations  
 20 issued by the Administrator under subsection (c).

21 **“§ 309. Machinery, material, equipment, or supplies**  
 22 **from other Government agencies**

23 “Agencies having machinery, material, equipment, or  
 24 supplies for printing, binding, and blank-book work, in-  
 25 cluding lithography, photolithography, xerography, and

1 other processes of reproduction, no longer required or au-  
 2 thorized for service, shall submit a detailed report of such  
 3 material, equipment, or supplies to the Administrator. The  
 4 Administrator may requisition such articles as are service-  
 5 able in the Government Publications Office, and such arti-  
 6 cles shall be promptly delivered to the Government Publi-  
 7 cations Office.

8 **“§ 310. Inks, glues, and other supplies furnished to**  
 9 **other Government agencies: payment**

10 “Inks, glues, and other supplies manufactured by the  
 11 Government Publications Office in connection with its  
 12 work may be furnished to departments and other estab-  
 13 lishments of the Government upon requisition, and pay-  
 14 ment made from appropriations available.

15 **“§ 311. Branches of Government Publications Office:**  
 16 **limitations**

17 “Money appropriated by any Act may not be used  
 18 for maintaining more than 1 branch of the Government  
 19 Publications Office in any 1 building occupied by an exec-  
 20 utive department of the Government, and a branch of the  
 21 Government Publications Office may not be established  
 22 unless specifically authorized by law.

1 **“§ 312. Detail of employees of Government Publica-**  
2 **tions Office to other Government estab-**  
3 **lishments**

4 “An employee of the Government Publications Office  
5 may not be detailed to duties not pertaining to the work  
6 of the Government Publications Office in an executive de-  
7 partment or other Government establishment unless ex-  
8 pressly authorized by law.

9 **“§ 313. Government Publications Office security**

10 “(a) The Administrator, or delegate appointed by the  
11 Administrator, may designate employees of the Govern-  
12 ment Publications Office to serve as special policemen to  
13 protect persons and property in premises and adjacent  
14 areas occupied by or under the control of the Government  
15 Publications Office.

16 “(b) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Ad-  
17 ministrator, employees designated as special policemen are  
18 authorized to bear and use arms in the performance of  
19 their duties, make arrest for violations of laws of the  
20 United States, the several States, and the District of Co-  
21 lumbia, and enforce the regulations of the Administrator,  
22 including the removal from Government Publications Of-  
23 fice premises of individuals who violate such regulations.

24 “(c) The jurisdiction of special policemen in premises  
25 occupied by or under the control of the Government Publi-  
26 cations Office and adjacent areas shall be concurrent with

1 the jurisdiction of the respective law enforcement agencies  
2 where the premises are located.

3 **“§ 314. Transfer of surplus property**

4 “Notwithstanding title II of the Federal Property  
5 and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 481  
6 et seq.), the Administrator may transfer or donate surplus  
7 and condemned Government Publications Office machin-  
8 ery, material, equipment, and supplies, and surplus Gov-  
9 ernment publications to—

10 “(1) other Federal entities;

11 “(2) any organization described in section  
12 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
13 exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;  
14 or

15 “(3) State or local governments.

16 **“§ 315. Sales of reproducibles**

17 “The Administrator shall sell to persons who may  
18 apply, publication production reproducibles, regardless of  
19 form or format, from which a Government publication is  
20 produced at a price not to exceed the cost to the Govern-  
21 ment, as determined by the Administrator.

22 **“§ 316. Use of Federal advisory committees**

23 “(a) The Administrator may establish such advisory  
24 committees as the Administrator determines appropriate.



1       “(b)(1) All meetings of such advisory committee(s)  
2 shall be open to the public, except when the Administrator  
3 determines that the meeting or any portion of the meeting  
4 shall be closed to the public consistent with the provisions  
5 of section 552(b) of title 5 and only after a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of  
6 the advisory committee(s).

7       “(2) All meetings of any advisory committee estab-  
8 lished by the Administrator shall be preceded by timely  
9 public notice in the Federal Register of the time, place,  
10 and subject of the meeting.

11       “(3) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and shall  
12 contain a record of the people present and a description  
13 of the discussion that occurred. The minutes and records  
14 of all such meetings and other documents that were made  
15 available to or prepared for an advisory committee estab-  
16 lished by the Administrator shall be made publicly acces-  
17 sible, unless the Administrator determines that a record  
18 or any portion of such record, shall not be publicly dis-  
19 closed, consistent with the provisions of section 552(b) of  
20 title 5 and only after a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the advisory commit-  
21 tee.”.

22       (b)(1) GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE; ABOL-  
23 ISHED.—The Government Printing Office is hereby abol-  
24 ished and the authorities, responsibilities, and functions  
25 of the Government Printing Office on the day before the

1 effective day of title II are hereby transferred to the Gov-  
2 ernment Publications Office.

3 (2) The Government Publications Office is hereby es-  
4 tablished as an independent establishment in the Federal  
5 government.

6 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1 year  
7 after the effective date of this Act, the Administrator shall  
8 submit a report to the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
9 tration of the Senate and the Committee on House Over-  
10 sight of the House of Representatives on—

11 (1) the status of the Government Publications  
12 Office established under chapter 3 of title 44,  
13 United States Code;

14 (2) the expected developments in the Office;  
15 and

16 (3) specific recommendations for legislative pro-  
17 posals, as appropriate.

18 (d) TRANSFER.—All duties, authorities, responsibil-  
19 ities, and functions of the Public Printer of the Govern-  
20 ment Printing Office on the day before the effective date  
21 of this title shall be performed by the Administrator of  
22 the Government Publications Office, on and after such  
23 date.

1 (e) REFERENCES.—References in any other Federal  
2 law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of au-  
3 thority, or any document of or relating to—

4 (1) the Government Printing Office shall be  
5 deemed to refer to the Government Publications Of-  
6 fice;

7 (2) the Public Printer shall be deemed to refer  
8 to the Superintendent of Government Publications  
9 Production and Procurement Services or the Admin-  
10 istrator, as appropriate;

11 (3) the Office of the Public Printer shall be  
12 deemed to refer to the Office of the Superintendent  
13 of Government Publications Production and Pro-  
14 curement Services, or the Office of the Adminis-  
15 trator, as appropriate;

16 (4) the Superintendent of Production Services  
17 shall be deemed a reference to the Superintendent of  
18 Government Publications Production and Procure-  
19 ment Services; and

20 (5) the Superintendent of Access Programs  
21 shall be deemed a reference to the Superintendent of  
22 Government Publications Access Programs.

23 (f) TRANSITION.—

24 (1) INCUMBENT.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—The individual serving  
2           as the Public Printer on the effective date of  
3           this title may serve as Administrator, Govern-  
4           ment Publications Office, until the President  
5           appoints by and with the advice and consent of  
6           the Senate, a successor Administrator.

7           (B) ADMINISTRATOR.—The individual  
8           serving as the Administrator pursuant to sub-  
9           paragraph (A) shall perform all duties and re-  
10          sponsibilities of the Administrator, until the  
11          President appoints a successor Administrator in  
12          accordance with section 301 of title 44, United  
13          States Code, as amended by this Act.

14       (2) APPOINTMENT.—

15           (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180  
16          days after the effective date of this title, the  
17          President shall appoint an Administrator of the  
18          Government Publications Office in accordance  
19          with section 301 of title 44, United States Code  
20          (as added by this Act).

21       (3) ASSETS AND PROPERTY.—Assets and real  
22          property under the control of, in use by, or assigned  
23          to the Public Printer on the day before the effective  
24          date of this Act shall be under the control of the Ad-  
25          ministrator on the effective date of this Act for the

1 use of the Administrator and the Acting Super-  
 2 intendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
 3 grams for purposes of implementing this Act.

4 (4) PERSONNEL.—Personnel under the super-  
 5 vision of or assigned to the Public Printer on the  
 6 day before the effective date of this Act shall be  
 7 under the supervision or assigned to the Adminis-  
 8 trator or the acting Superintendent of Government  
 9 Publications Access Programs, pursuant to sub-  
 10 section (g) of Title IV, on the effective date of this  
 11 Act for purposes of implementing this Act.

12 (g) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 13 The table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
 14 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 3 and  
 15 inserting the following:

“3. Government Publications Office ..... 301”.

16 **TITLE III—GOVERNMENT PUBLI-**  
 17 **CATIONS OFFICE; PUBLICA-**  
 18 **TIONS PRODUCTION AND**  
 19 **PRODUCTION PROCUREMENT**  
 20 **SERVICES**

21 **SEC. 301. GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS OFFICE; PUBLICA-**  
 22 **TIONS PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION AND**  
 23 **PROCUREMENT SERVICES.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 5 of title 44, United  
 25 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 **“CHAPTER 5—GOVERNMENT PUBLICA-**  
 2 **TIONS OFFICE; PUBLICATIONS PRO-**  
 3 **DUCTION AND PROCUREMENT SERV-**  
 4 **ICES**

“Sec.

“501. Government Publications produced by or procured through the Govern-  
 ment Publications Office.

“502. Government Publications Office; Superintendent of Government Publica-  
 tions Production and Procurement Services: appointment; du-  
 ties; and pay.

“503. Printing in veterans’ hospitals.

“504. Regulations for procurement of Government publications production serv-  
 ices.

“505. Time for printing documents or reports which include illustrations or  
 maps.

“506. Orders for printing and publications production services to be acted upon  
 within 1 year.

“507. Standards for papers used in Government publications.

“508. Annual plans for Government publications.

5 **“§ 501. Government Publications produced by or pro-**  
 6 **cured through the Government Publica-**  
 7 **tions Office**

8 “(a)(1) The Government Publications Office is au-  
 9 thorized to produce or procure the production of Govern-  
 10 ment publications, regardless of form or format, including  
 11 Government publications created for or transmitted  
 12 through an electronic communications system or network,  
 13 as requisitioned by Congress, Federal agencies and the  
 14 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
 15 grams.

16 “(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and  
 17 subject to subsection (b), the Government Publications Of-  
 18 fice shall be the only authorized agency of the Federal

1 Government to provide for Congress, the Executive Office  
2 of the President, the judiciary (other than the Supreme  
3 Court of the United States) and every Executive depart-  
4 ment and independent establishment of the Government,  
5 publications production and procurement services ex-  
6 cept—

7           “(A) those publications created only for dis-  
8 semination through an electronic communications  
9 system or network, provided that the requirements  
10 of chapter 19 are satisfied;

11           “(B) individual production orders by the execu-  
12 tive branch costing not more than \$1,000, if the  
13 work is not of a continuing or repetitive nature, and  
14 as certified by the Superintendent of Government  
15 Publications Production and Procurement Services if  
16 the work is included in a class of work which cannot  
17 be provided more economically through the Govern-  
18 ment Publications Office, if the requirements of  
19 chapter 19 are satisfied; and

20           “(C) publications production for the Central In-  
21 telligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency,  
22 or the National Security Agency.

23           “(b)(1) Under delegation of authority from the Ad-  
24 ministrator in accordance with section 308, an agency of  
25 the executive or judicial branch may procure publications

1 production and procurement services for that agency, if  
2 the agency certifies to the Administrator or the Super-  
3 intendent of Government Publications Production and  
4 Procurement Services that the agency is in full compliance  
5 with the requirements of this chapter, chapter 19, and the  
6 publications production and procurement services regula-  
7 tions administered by the Superintendent of Government  
8 Publications Production and Procurement Services.

9       “(2) The Administrator shall promptly notify the Su-  
10 perintendent of Government Publications Production and  
11 Procurement Services and the Superintendent of Govern-  
12 ment Publications Access Programs of any decision to del-  
13 egate authority under this section.

14       “(3) A delegation of authority to an agency under  
15 this section shall not be granted unless and until the De-  
16 partment of the Treasury has established a designated  
17 budget account for the agency in accordance with section  
18 1906(a).

19       “(4) In determining a delegation of authority under  
20 this section, the Administrator shall take into account any  
21 prior determinations of noncompliance issued against an  
22 agency under section 1906.

23       “(c) No agency shall procure publications production  
24 services for another agency, except for those publications  
25 created only for dissemination through an electronic com-



1 munications system or network, unless expressly author-  
 2 ized by law enacted after the effective date of the Govern-  
 3 ment Publications Reform Act of 1998.

4 “(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no  
 5 agency may participate in a partnership or alliance, public  
 6 or private, to produce Government publications, or enter  
 7 into a contract or cooperative agreement or similar con-  
 8 tractual arrangement for the production, procurement, or  
 9 dissemination of a Government publication, regardless of  
 10 form or format, unless such action complies with chapter  
 11 19 and is approved in advance by the Superintendent of  
 12 Government Publications Access Programs.

13 **“§ 502. Government Publications Office; Superintend-**  
 14 **ent of Government Publications Produc-**  
 15 **tion and Procurement Services: appoint-**  
 16 **ment; duties; and pay**

17 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 18 Production and Procurement Services (who may also be  
 19 referred to as the ‘Superintendent of Production Services’)  
 20 shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice  
 21 and consent of the Senate, for a term of 5 years.

22 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 23 Production and Procurement Services shall be appointed  
 24 without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the

1 basis of professional qualifications to perform the duties  
2 and responsibilities of the office.

3 “(c) An individual may be appointed to more than  
4 1 term as Superintendent of Government Publications  
5 Production and Procurement Service.

6 “(d)(1) The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
7 tions Production and Procurement Services, under the di-  
8 rection of the Administrator, shall take all steps consid-  
9 ered necessary to carry out the duties and powers of the  
10 office and to remedy neglect, delay, duplication, or waste  
11 in the provision and procurement of services required to  
12 produce the Federal Government’s publications, regardless  
13 of form or format.

14 “(2) To the greatest extent feasible, the Superintend-  
15 ent of Government Publications Production and Procure-  
16 ment Services shall operate the production and procure-  
17 ment services program on a self-sustaining basis.

18 “(3) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
19 Production and Procurement Services shall promptly no-  
20 tify the Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
21 cess Programs of any contract for the production or pro-  
22 curement of production services of any Government publi-  
23 cation so that the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
24 tions Access Programs may meet the requirements of  
25 chapter 19.

1       “(e) The Administrator shall transfer to the authority  
2 of the Superintendent of Government Publications Pro-  
3 duction and Procurement Services, such personnel within  
4 the Government Publications Office as the Administrator  
5 shall determine are required by the Superintendent of  
6 Government Publications Production and Procurement  
7 Services to perform the duties of this chapter.

8       “(f) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
9 Production and Procurement Services shall be paid an an-  
10 nual rate of pay equal to the rate payable for a position  
11 at level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315  
12 of title 5.

13       “(g)(1) There shall be a Deputy Superintendent of  
14 Government Publications Production and Procurement  
15 Services, who shall be appointed by the Superintendent of  
16 Government Publications Production and Procurement  
17 Services.

18       “(2) The Deputy Superintendent of Government  
19 Publications Production and Procurement Services shall  
20 perform—

21               “(A) all duties and responsibilities assigned by  
22 the Superintendent of Government Publications Pro-  
23 duction and Procurement Services; and

1           “(B) the duties and responsibilities of the Su-  
2           perintendent of Government Publications Production  
3           and Procurement Services in the event of—

4                   “(i) a vacancy in the office of the Super-  
5           intendent of Government Publications Produc-  
6           tion and Procurement Services; or

7                   “(ii) incapacity of the Superintendent of  
8           Government Publications Production and Pro-  
9           curement Services.

10          “(3) In the event of a vacancy under paragraph (2),  
11 the Deputy Superintendent of Government Publications  
12 Production and Procurement Services shall serve until a  
13 successor Superintendent of Government Publications  
14 Production and Procurement Services is appointed and  
15 qualifies, but for no longer than 1 year after a vacancy  
16 occurs.

17          “(4) The Deputy Superintendent of Government  
18 Publications Production and Procurement Services shall  
19 be paid at an annual rate of pay equal to the rate payable  
20 for a position on the Senior Executive Service under sec-  
21 tion 5316 of title 5.

22          “(h)(1) There shall be established within the Revolv-  
23 ing Fund of the Government Publications Office under  
24 section 306 an account, or accounts, under the authority  
25 of the Superintendent of Government Publications Pro-

1 duction and Procurement Services to be available without  
2 fiscal year limitation for the operation of the Government  
3 Publications Office Publications Production and Procure-  
4 ment Services programs, including—

5           “(A) rental of buildings;

6           “(B) attendance at meetings;

7           “(C) employee training;

8           “(D) purchase, maintenance, and operation of  
9       required equipment, supplies, and contracts; and

10          “(E) salaries and expenses of program employ-  
11       ees.

12       “(2) The Revolving Fund shall be reimbursed and the  
13       account, or accounts, of the Superintendent of Production  
14       Services shall be credited for the cost of all services and  
15       supplies furnished, including those furnished by other ap-  
16       propriations of the Government Publications Office Publi-  
17       cations Production and Procurement Services programs,  
18       and credited with all receipts, including the provision of  
19       production and publication production procurement serv-  
20       ices, waste, condemned and surplus property, and with  
21       payments received for losses or damage to property.

22       “(3)(A) An adequate system of accounts for the Re-  
23       volving Fund shall be maintained on the accrual method,  
24       and financial reports prepared on the basis of accepted  
25       accounting standards in accordance with section 306. The

1 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
2 grams shall prepare and submit to the Administrator an  
3 annual business-type budget for the accounts under the  
4 Superintendent's authority within the Revolving Fund.  
5 The budget program shall be as prescribed by section  
6 9104 of title 31.

7       “(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), for pur-  
8 poses of section 8147 of title 5, the activities of the Super-  
9 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs  
10 are not considered activities that are required by statute  
11 to submit an annual budget pursuant to or as provided  
12 by chapter 91 of title 31.

13 **“§ 503. Printing in veterans' hospitals**

14       “(a) Notwithstanding section 501, the Secretary of  
15 Veterans Affairs may use the equipment described in sub-  
16 section (b) for printing and binding that the Secretary  
17 finds advisable for the use of the Department of Veterans  
18 Affairs.

19       “(b) The equipment referred to in subsection (a) is  
20 the printing and binding equipment that the various hos-  
21 pitals and homes of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
22 use for occupational therapy.

1 **“§ 504. Regulations for procurement of Government**  
 2 **publications production services**

3 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 4 Production and Procurement Services shall promulgate  
 5 and administer regulations governing the procurement of  
 6 publications production services through the Government  
 7 Publications Office in accordance with chapters 3 and 19.

8 “(b)(1) All such regulations shall be promulgated in  
 9 accordance with the requirements of section 553 and sec-  
 10 tion 556 of title 5, United States Code, and the require-  
 11 ments of chapter 7, United States Code.

12 “(2) All such regulations shall be promulgated in ac-  
 13 cordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code,  
 14 and notwithstanding section 804(2), all such regulations  
 15 promulgated shall be treated as a ‘major rule’.

16 **“§ 505. Time for printing documents or reports which**  
 17 **include illustrations or maps**

18 “A document or report to be illustrated or accom-  
 19 panied by maps may not be printed by the Superintendent  
 20 of Government Publications Production and Procurement  
 21 Services until the illustrations or maps designed for it are  
 22 ready for publication.

1 **“§ 506. Orders for printing and publications produc-**  
 2 **tion services to be acted upon within 1**  
 3 **year**

4 “An order for production or procurement of publica-  
 5 tions services may not be acted upon by the Superintend-  
 6 ent of Government Publications Production and Procure-  
 7 ment Services after the expiration of 1 year unless the  
 8 entire copy and illustrations for the work have been fur-  
 9 nished within that period.

10 **“§ 507. Standards for papers used in Government**  
 11 **publications**

12 “The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 13 Production and Procurement Services shall establish ap-  
 14 propriate standards for printing and writing papers to be  
 15 used in all Government publications and may procure said  
 16 papers under procedures established pursuant to section  
 17 308. Such standards are to detail the Government’s mini-  
 18 mum needs for each type and grade of paper in such a  
 19 way as to allow the use of as many existing commercially  
 20 available papers as practical, and to provide maximum  
 21 economy to the public. These standards shall be published  
 22 periodically and shall be known as the ‘Government Paper  
 23 Specification Standards’.

24 **“§ 508. Annual plans for Government publications**

25 “(a) On the date that the head of each agency that  
 26 intends to produce or procure the production of Govern-



1 ment publications submits an appropriation request under  
 2 section 1108 of title 31 for the preparation of the budget,  
 3 the head of such agency shall submit a plan on the cre-  
 4 ation, management, dissemination, security, and acces-  
 5 sibility of the Government publications of the agency.

6 “(b) A plan submitted under subsection (a) shall enu-  
 7 merate—

8 “(1) the number of publications that the agency  
 9 intends to produce or procure in the fiscal year, and  
 10 the quantity of each publication;

11 “(2) the intention of the agency to—

12 “(A) produce the publication itself; or

13 “(B) procure the publication’s production  
 14 either—

15 “(i) on its own, pursuant to a delega-  
 16 tion of authority granted under section  
 17 501; or

18 “(ii) through the Government Publica-  
 19 tions Office;

20 “(3) the intended means by which each publica-  
 21 tion will be disseminated and made permanently ac-  
 22 cessible to the public, including the agency’s inten-  
 23 tions to comply with chapter 19; and

24 “(4) the anticipated cost, including materials  
 25 and personnel, required for the production, procure-

1       ment, dissemination, security, and permanent acces-  
2       sibility of each publication.

3       “(c) Plans required under this section shall be sub-  
4       mitted as follows:

5               “(1) Agencies of the executive branch and inde-  
6       pendent establishments shall submit such plans and  
7       reports to the Director of the Office of Management  
8       and Budget, the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
9       tration of the Senate, the Committee on House  
10      Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the  
11      Administrator of the Government Publications Of-  
12      fice.

13              “(2) Agencies of the legislative branch shall  
14      submit such plans and reports to the Committee on  
15      Rules and Administration of the Senate, the Com-  
16      mittee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
17      resentatives, and the Administrator of the Govern-  
18      ment Publications Office.

19              “(3) Agencies of the judicial branch, except the  
20      Supreme Court, shall submit such plans and reports  
21      to the Director of the Administrative Office of the  
22      United States Courts, the Committee on Rules and  
23      Administration of the Senate, the Committee on  
24      House Oversight of the House of Representatives,

1 and the Administrator of the Government Publica-  
2 tions Office.”.

3 (b) TRANSITION.—

4 (1) SUPERINTENDENT OF GOVERNMENT PRO-  
5 Duction AND PROCUREMENT SERVICES.—The indi-  
6 vidual serving as Administrator pursuant to sub-  
7 section (f) of title II of this Act shall perform all du-  
8 ties and responsibilities of the Superintendent of  
9 Government Publications Production and Procure-  
10 ment Service as provided in chapter 5, title 44,  
11 United States Code, as amended by this Act, until  
12 a Superintendent of Government Publications Pro-  
13 duction and Procurement Services is appointed by  
14 and with the advice and consent of the Senate under  
15 § 502.

16 (2) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
17 after the effective date of this Act, the President  
18 shall appoint a Superintendent of Government Publi-  
19 cations Production and Procurement Services in ac-  
20 cordance with § 502, title 44, United States Code, as  
21 amended by this Act.

22 (c) REPORT AND 5-YEAR PLAN.—

23 (1) PLAN.—Not later than 180 days after the  
24 effective date of this title, each agency shall submit  
25 a report that contains a plan, to be implemented

1 during the 5-year period following such effective  
2 date, that—

3 (A) reduces the publications production ca-  
4 pacity, if any, of the agency;

5 (B) sets dates, during such 5-year period,  
6 on which incremental stages of such reduction  
7 will be implemented; and

8 (C) provides for publications production  
9 performed by the agency to be performed by  
10 non-Federal entities pursuant to contracts, with  
11 appropriate protections to ensure compliance  
12 with requirements of chapter 19 of title 44,  
13 United States Code, regarding dissemination  
14 and permanent accessibility of Government pub-  
15 lications.

16 (2) COMPLIANCE.—On October 1 of each of the  
17 5 fiscal years following the submission date of re-  
18 ports under paragraph (1), each agency shall submit  
19 a report on the compliance of the agency with the  
20 plan submitted under paragraph (1).

21 (3) SUBMISSION.—Reports under this sub-  
22 section shall be submitted in accordance with section  
23 508 of title 44, United States Code (as amended by  
24 this section).

(d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 The table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 5 and  
 inserting the following:

**“5. Government Publications Office; Publications Pro-  
 duction and Procurement Services ..... 501”.**

**SEC. 302. PRODUCTION OF PUBLICATIONS AND PROCURE-  
 MENT OF PUBLICATIONS SERVICES BY CON-  
 GRESS AND LEGISLATIVE AGENCIES.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 7 of title 44, United  
 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**“CHAPTER 7—PRODUCTION AND PRO-  
 CUREMENT OF PUBLICATIONS SERV-  
 ICES BY CONGRESS AND LEGISLATIVE  
 AGENCIES**

“Sec.

“701. ‘Usual number’ of bills, resolutions, documents, and reports; distribution  
 of the House of Representatives and the Senate documents and  
 reports; reports on private bills; number of copies printed; dis-  
 tribution.

“702. Style, form, and manner of publication.

“703. Printing extra copies.

“704. Reprinting bills, laws, and reports from committees.

“705. Duplicate orders to print.

“706. Bills and resolutions: style and form.

“707. Bills and resolutions: binding sets for Congress.

“708. Public and private laws and treaties.

“709. Copies of Acts furnished to the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
 tions Production and Procurement Services.

“710. Printing Acts, joint resolutions, and treaties.

“711. Journals of the Houses of Congress.

“712. Printing documents for Congress in 2 or more editions.

“713. Printing of documents not provided by law.

“714. Appropriation chargeable for printing of document or report by order of  
 Congress.

“715. Lapse of authority to print.

“716. Classification and numbering of publications ordered printed by Congress;  
 designation of publications of departments; printing of commit-  
 tee hearings.

- “717. Senate and House Manuals.
- “718. Congressional Directory.
- “719. Congressional Directory: sale.
- “720. Memorial addresses: preparation; distribution.
- “721. Statement of appropriations: ‘usual number’.
- “722. Printing for committees of Congress.
- “723. Committee reports: indexing and binding.
- “724. United States Statutes at Large: distribution.
- “725. United States Statutes at Large: references in margins.
- “726. Distribution of documents to Members of Congress.
- “727. Allotments of public documents printed after expiration of terms of Members of Congress: rights of reelected and retiring Members to documents.
- “728. Documents and reports ordered by Members of Congress: franks and envelopes for Members of Congress.
- “729. Stationery and blank books for Congress.
- “730. Binding for Members of Congress.
- “731. Binding at expense of Members of Congress.
- “732. Binding for Senate library and House of Representatives library.
- “733. Distribution of Senate and House documents to Members.
- “734. Publications stored at Capitol.
- “735. Congressional printing and binding appropriations; authorization.

1   **“§ 701. ‘Usual number’ of bills, resolutions, docu-**  
 2                   **ments, and reports; distribution of the**  
 3                   **House of Representatives and the Senate**  
 4                   **documents and reports; reports on pri-**  
 5                   **vate bills; number of copies printed; dis-**  
 6                   **tribution**

7       “(a) The order by either House of Congress to print  
 8 a bill, resolution, document, or report shall signify the  
 9 ‘usual number’ of copies for binding and distribution  
 10 among those entitled to receive them. A greater number  
 11 may not be printed unless ordered by either House, or as  
 12 provided by this section. When a special number of a docu-  
 13 ment or report is ordered printed, the usual number shall  
 14 also be printed, unless already ordered.

1       “(b) At the beginning of each Congress, the ‘usual  
 2 number’ shall be jointly established by the Committee on  
 3 Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Commit-  
 4 tee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives,  
 5 but in no case shall the usual number be less than 1 and  
 6 the ‘usual number’ shall be sufficient to provide copies for  
 7 binding and distribution as follows:

8               “(1) Of the House of Representatives bills, res-  
 9 olutions, documents, and reports, unbound—

10               “(A) to the Senate document room for dis-  
 11 tribution to each Senator, committees, and for  
 12 other purposes;

13               “(B) to the office of the Secretary of the  
 14 Senate;

15               “(C) to the Clerk of the House of Rep-  
 16 resentatives for distribution to each Member of  
 17 the House of Representatives, committees, and  
 18 for other purposes; and

19               “(D) to fulfill standing orders and such  
 20 other requirements authorized by law.

21               “(2) Of the Senate bills, resolutions, docu-  
 22 ments, and reports, unbound—

23               “(A) to the Senate document room for dis-  
 24 tribution to each Senator, committees, and for  
 25 other purposes;

1           “(B) to the office of the Secretary of the  
2           Senate;

3           “(C) to the Clerk of the House of Rep-  
4           resentatives for distribution to each Member of  
5           the House of Representatives, committees, and  
6           for other purposes; and

7           “(D) to fulfill standing orders and such  
8           other requirements authorized by law.

9           “(e) Of the number printed, the Superintendent of  
10          Government Publications Production and Procurement  
11          Services shall bind a sufficient number of copies for dis-  
12          tributions as follows:

13           “(1) Of the House of Representatives bills, res-  
14          olutions, documents, and reports, bound—

15           “(A) to the Senate Library;

16           “(B) to the library of the House of Rep-  
17          resentatives; and

18           “(C) to fulfill standing orders and such  
19          other requirements authorized by law, except  
20          those designated Federal publications access li-  
21          braries which may prefer to have documents in  
22          unbound form, and have so notified the Super-  
23          intendent of Government Publications Access  
24          Programs in writing prior to the convening of  
25          each Congress.



1           “(2) Of the Senate bills, resolutions, docu-  
2           ments, and reports, bound—

3                   “(A) to the Senate library;

4                   “(B) to the library of the House of Rep-  
5           resentatives; and

6                   “(C) to fulfill standing orders and such  
7           other requirements authorized by law, except  
8           those designated Federal publications access li-  
9           braries entitled to documents that may prefer  
10          to have documents in unbound form, and have  
11          so notified the Superintendent of Government  
12          Publications Access Programs in writing prior  
13          to the convening of each Congress.

14          “(d) Of Senate reports on private bills, concurrent  
15          or simple resolutions there shall be printed sufficient num-  
16          bers of copies for distribution—

17                   “(1) to the Senate document room for distribu-  
18          tion to each Senator, committees, and for other pur-  
19          poses;

20                   “(2) to the office of the Secretary of the Sen-  
21          ate;

22                   “(3) to the Clerk of the House of Representa-  
23          tives for distribution to each Member of the House  
24          of Representatives, committees, and for other pur-  
25          poses; and

1           “(4) to fulfill standing orders and such other  
2           requirements authorized by law.

3           “(e) Of House of Representatives reports on private  
4           bills, concurrent or simple resolutions there shall be print-  
5           ed sufficient numbers of copies for distribution—

6           “(1) to the Senate document room for distribu-  
7           tion to each Senator, committees, and for other pur-  
8           poses;

9           “(2) to the office of the Secretary of the Sen-  
10          ate;

11          “(3) to the Clerk of the House of Representa-  
12          tives for distribution to each Member of the House  
13          of Representatives, committees, and for other pur-  
14          poses; and

15          “(4) to fulfill standing orders and such other  
16          requirements authorized by law.

17          “(f) Until the ‘usual number’ is established for a Con-  
18          gress under this section, the ‘usual number’ of publica-  
19          tions, as established in the immediately preceding Con-  
20          gress, shall remain in effect.

21          “(g) This section does not prevent the binding of all  
22          Senate and House of Representatives reports in the re-  
23          serve volumes bound for and delivered to the Senate and  
24          House of Representatives libraries, nor abridge the right  
25          of the Vice President, Senators, Representatives, Resident

1 Commissioner, Delegates, Secretary of the Senate, and  
 2 Clerk of the House of Representatives to have bound in  
 3 half morocco, or a durable material not more expensive,  
 4 1 copy of every public document to which he may be enti-  
 5 tled. Copies of each report on bills for payment or adju-  
 6 dication of claims against the Government shall be kept  
 7 on file in the Senate document room.

8       “(h) Each private bill of the Senate and each private  
 9 bill of the House of Representatives shall be printed when  
 10 introduced, when reported, and when passed. Bills and  
 11 resolutions shall be printed in bill form, and, unless spe-  
 12 cially ordered by either House shall be printed only when  
 13 referred to a committee, when favorably reported back,  
 14 and after their passage by either House.

15       “(i) Reports of committees shall be produced by req-  
 16 uisition on the order of the originating committee, and the  
 17 Superintendent of Government Publications Production  
 18 and Procurement Services shall provide to the committee  
 19 a voucher for the cost of the order.

20 **“§ 702. Style, form, and manner of publication**

21       “(a)(1) PUBLICATIONS FOR SINGLE HOUSE.—At the  
 22 beginning of each Congress, the Committee on Rules and  
 23 Administration of the Senate and the Committee on  
 24 House Oversight of the House of Representatives shall de-  
 25 termine the style, form, and manner of printing for any

1 publication authorized by simple resolution under this title  
2 for their respective Houses.

3 “(2) JOINT PUBLICATIONS.—At the beginning of  
4 each Congress, the style, form, and manner of printing  
5 for any publication authorized by joint or concurrent reso-  
6 lution under this title shall be determined jointly by the  
7 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and  
8 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
9 resentatives.

10 “(3) CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.—At the beginning of  
11 each Congress, the style, form, and manner of printing  
12 for the Congressional Record, all bills and other congres-  
13 sional publications shall be determined by the Committee  
14 on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Com-  
15 mittee on House Oversight of the House of Representa-  
16 tives, acting jointly.

17 “(b) CONTINUATION OF STYLE, FORM, AND MAN-  
18 NER.—Until the style, form, and manner of printing publi-  
19 cations is established for a Congress under this section,  
20 the style, form, and manner of printing publications as  
21 established in the immediate previous Congress shall re-  
22 main in effect.

23 **“§ 703. Printing extra copies**

24 “(a) Orders for printing copies in addition to the  
25 ‘usual number’ otherwise provided for by this section shall

1 be by simple, concurrent, or joint resolution. Either House  
 2 may print no more than 300 extra copies by simple resolu-  
 3 tion.

4 “(b) If the number exceeds that amount, the printing  
 5 shall be ordered by concurrent resolution, unless the reso-  
 6 lution is self-appropriating, when it shall be by joint reso-  
 7 lution.

8 “(c) Resolutions, when presented to either House,  
 9 shall be referred to the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
 10 tration of the Senate or the Committee on House Over-  
 11 sight of the House of Representatives, who, in making  
 12 their report, shall require of the Superintendent of Gov-  
 13 ernment Publications Production and Procurement Serv-  
 14 ices the estimate of cost. Extra copies may not be printed  
 15 before the committee has reported. The Superintendent of  
 16 Government Publications Production and Procurement  
 17 Services shall provide the committees a voucher for the  
 18 total cost of the order.

19 **“§ 704. Reprinting bills, laws, and reports from com-**  
 20 **mittees**

21 “When the supply is exhausted, the Secretary of the  
 22 Senate, under the direction of the Senate Committee on  
 23 Rules and Administration of the Senate, and the Clerk  
 24 of the House of Representatives, under the direction of  
 25 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-

1 representatives may order the reprinting of not more than  
2 300 copies of a pending bill, resolution, or public law, or  
3 a report from a committee or congressional commission  
4 on pending legislation not accompanied by testimony or  
5 exhibits or other appendices.

6 **“§ 705. Duplicate orders to print**

7        “If the Superintendent of Government Publications  
8 Production and Procurement Services receives duplicate  
9 Senate and House of Representatives orders for printing,  
10 the Superintendent of Government Publications Produc-  
11 tion and Procurement Services shall consult with the Com-  
12 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the  
13 Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
14 resentatives to determine the appropriate order for print-  
15 ing.

16 **“§ 706. Bills and resolutions: style and form**

17        “Subject to sections 205 and 206 of title 1, the Com-  
18 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the  
19 Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
20 resentatives may authorize the printing of a bill or resolu-  
21 tion, with index and ancillaries, in the style and form such  
22 committees consider most suitable in the interest of econ-  
23 omy and efficiency, and to so continue until final enact-  
24 ment in both Houses of Congress. The committees may  
25 also curtail the number of copies of bills or resolutions,

1 including the slip form of a public Act or public resolution,  
2 consistent with section 701.

3 **“§ 707. Bills and resolutions: binding sets for Con-**  
4 **gress**

5 “Four sets of Senate and House of Representatives  
6 bills and joint and concurrent resolutions of each Con-  
7 gress, 2 for the Senate and 2 for the House of Representa-  
8 tives, shall be bound by the Superintendent of Government  
9 Publications Production and Procurement Services and  
10 kept by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
11 House of Representatives for reference.

12 **“§ 708. Public and private laws and treaties**

13 “The Superintendent of Government Publications  
14 Production and Procurement Services shall print in slip  
15 form copies of public and private laws, and treaties, to  
16 be paid from funds appropriated for congressional printing  
17 and binding. The Committee on Rules and Administration  
18 of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of  
19 the House of Representatives shall control the number and  
20 distribution of copies.

21 **“§ 709. Copies of Acts furnished to the Superintend-**  
22 **ent of Government Publications Produc-**  
23 **tion and Procurement Services**

24 “The Archivist of the United States shall furnish to  
25 the Superintendent of Government Publications Produc-

tion and Procurement Services a copy of every Act and joint resolution, as soon as possible after its approval by the President, or after it has become a law under the Constitution without his approval.

**“§ 710. Printing Acts, joint resolutions, and treaties**

“The Superintendent of Government Publications Production and Procurement Services on receiving from the Archivist of the United States a copy of an Act or joint resolution, or from the Secretary of State, a copy of a treaty, shall print an accurate copy and transmit it in duplicate to the Archivist of the United States or to the Secretary of State, as the case may be, for revision. On the return of 1 of the revised duplicates, the Superintendent of Government Publications Production and Procurement Services shall make the marked corrections and print the number specified by section 707.

**“§ 711. Journals of the Houses of Congress**

“There shall be printed of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives such copies as determined by the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives at the beginning of each Congress for distribution to—

“(1) the Senate document room for distribution to Senators;



1 “(2) the Senate library;

2 “(3) the office of the Secretary of the Senate;

3 “(4) the Clerk of the House of Representatives  
4 for distribution to Members and for other purposes;

5 “(5) the library of the House of Representa-  
6 tives; and

7 “(6) fulfill standing orders and such other re-  
8 quirements authorized by law.

9 **“§ 712. Printing documents for Congress in 2 or more**  
10 **editions**

11 “The Committee on Rules and Administration of the  
12 Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
13 House of Representatives, acting jointly, shall establish  
14 rules by which public documents and reports printed for  
15 Congress, or either House, may be printed in 2 or more  
16 editions, to meet public requirements.

17 **“§ 713. Printing of documents not provided by law**

18 “Either House may order the printing of a document  
19 not already provided for by law, when accompanied by an  
20 estimate from the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
21 tions Production and Procurement Services as to the prob-  
22 able cost. An agency of the executive or judicial branch  
23 of the Government submitting reports or documents in re-  
24 sponse to inquiries from Congress shall include an esti-

1 mate of the probable cost of printing the documents in  
 2 the usual number.

3 **“§ 714. Appropriation chargeable for printing of doc-**  
 4 **ument or report by order of Congress**

5 “The cost of printing of a document or report printed  
 6 by order of Congress, which, under section 1107, cannot  
 7 be properly charged to another appropriation or allotment  
 8 of appropriation already made, upon order of Congress,  
 9 shall be charged to the allotment of appropriation for  
 10 printing and binding for Congress.

11 **“§ 715. Lapse of authority to print**

12 “The authority to print a document or report, or a  
 13 publication authorized by law to be printed, for distribu-  
 14 tion by Congress, shall lapse within 2 years after the date  
 15 of the original order, except orders for subsequent edi-  
 16 tions, approved by Congress.

17 **“§ 716. Classification and numbering of publications**  
 18 **ordered printed by Congress; designation**  
 19 **of publications of departments; printing**  
 20 **of committee hearings**

21 “(a) Publications ordered by Congress, or either  
 22 House, regardless of form or format, shall be in 4 series  
 23 that shall include—

24 “(1) a series of reports made by the committees  
 25 of the Senate, to be known as Senate reports;

1           “(2) a series of reports made by the committees  
2           of the House of Representatives, to be known as  
3           House reports;

4           “(3) a series of documents other than reports  
5           of committees, the orders for printing which origi-  
6           nate in the Senate, to be known as Senate docu-  
7           ments; and

8           “(4) a series of documents other than commit-  
9           tee reports, the orders for printing which originate  
10          in the House of Representatives, to be known as  
11          House documents.

12          “(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
13          the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
14          House of Representatives are jointly responsible for com-  
15          pilation and distribution of the bound United States con-  
16          gressional serial set which shall be numbered consecutively  
17          from the first Congress onward and shall include the re-  
18          ports and documents of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
19          resentatives.

20          “(c)(1)(A) The publications in each series shall be  
21          consecutively numbered, the numbers in each series con-  
22          tinuing in unbroken sequence throughout the entire term  
23          of a Congress, but these provisions do not apply to the  
24          documents published for the use of the Senate in executive  
25          session.

1       “(B) Such serial sets shall be made available as pro-  
2       vided under chapter 19 for distribution and permanent  
3       public access by the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
4       cations Access Programs.

5       “(C) The copies of annual or serial publications origi-  
6       nating in or prepared by an executive department, bureau,  
7       office, commission, or board which are intended for dis-  
8       tribution to designated Federal publications access librar-  
9       ies may not be numbered in the document or report series  
10      of either House of Congress, but shall be designated by  
11      title, bound, and made available as provided under chapter  
12      19, and the departmental edition, if any, shall be printed  
13      concurrently.

14      “(2) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
15      Production and Procurement Services shall supply the Su-  
16      perintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
17      grams with sufficient copies of publications distributed in  
18      unbound form, to be bound and distributed to the des-  
19      ignated Federal publications access libraries for their per-  
20      manent files. Every publication of sufficient size on any  
21      1 subject shall be bound separately and receive the title  
22      suggested by the subject of the volume, and the others  
23      shall be distributed in unbound form as soon as printed.  
24      The library edition, as well as all other bound sets of con-  
25      gressional numbered documents and reports, shall be ar-

1 ranged in volumes and bound in the manner directed by  
2 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate  
3 and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of  
4 Representatives, acting jointly.

5 “(c) Hearings of committees may be printed as con-  
6 gressional documents only when specifically ordered by  
7 Congress or by either House.

8 **“§ 717. Senate and House Manuals**

9 “Each House may order printed as many copies as  
10 that House desires, of the Senate Manual and of the Rules  
11 and Manual of the House of Representatives.

12 **“§ 718. Congressional Directory**

13 “(a) There shall be prepared under the direction of  
14 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate  
15 and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of  
16 Representatives a Congressional Directory, which shall be  
17 printed and distributed as early as practicable during the  
18 first session of each Congress.

19 “(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
20 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
21 House of Representatives, acting jointly, shall control con-  
22 tent, the number and distribution of the Congressional Di-  
23 rectory, and shall determine the manner in which 1 copy  
24 of the Congressional Directory shall be bound for distribu-

1 tion to each Member of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
 2 resentatives.

3 “(c) The directory also shall be maintained in elec-  
 4 tronic format and accessible to the public through the Su-  
 5 perintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
 6 grams on-line service. The directory shall be updated at  
 7 least quarterly, and the date of revision shall be noted.

8 **“§ 719. Congressional Directory: sale**

9 “The Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
 10 cess Programs may offer copies of the current Congres-  
 11 sional Directory for sale at a price sufficient to reimburse  
 12 the costs of printing consistent with section 1708. Revenue  
 13 derived from the sales shall be deposited to the account  
 14 of the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
 15 Programs in the Revolving Fund of the Government Publi-  
 16 cations Office to offset the cost of the Publications sales  
 17 program.

18 **“§ 720. Memorial addresses: preparation; distribution**

19 “(a) After the final adjournment of Congress, there  
 20 shall be compiled and bound in cloth in 1 volume the exer-  
 21 cises at the general memorial services held in either House  
 22 during each session relative to the death of a Member of  
 23 Congress or Senator, a former Member of Congress who  
 24 served as Speaker, together with all relevant memorial ad-  
 25 dresses and eulogies published in the Congressional

1 Record during the same session of Congress, and any  
 2 other matter the Committee on Rules and Administration  
 3 of the Senate considers relevant to a Senator or any other  
 4 matter the Committee on House Oversight of the House  
 5 of Representatives considers relevant to a Member of Con-  
 6 gress or former Member of Congress who served as Speak-  
 7 er; and there shall be printed—

8           “(1) 50 copies delivered to the family of the de-  
 9       ceased; and

10           “(2) 100 copies for the successor in office of a  
 11       deceased Senator, Representative, Resident Commis-  
 12       sioner or Delegate.

13 **“§ 721. Statement of appropriations: ‘usual number’**

14       “Of the statements of appropriations required to be  
 15 prepared under the Act of October 19, 1888 (2 U.S.C.  
 16 105), there shall be printed, after the close of each regular  
 17 session of Congress, the usual number, as provided by sec-  
 18 tion 701.

19 **“§ 722. Printing for committees of Congress**

20       “A committee of Congress may not procure the print-  
 21 ing of more than 300 copies of a hearing, or other docu-  
 22 ment germane thereto, for its use except by simple, con-  
 23 current, or joint resolution, as provided by section 702.

1 **“§ 723. Committee reports: indexing and binding**

2 “The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
3 House of Representatives shall procure and file for the  
4 use of their respective Houses copies of all reports made  
5 by committees, and at the close of each session of Con-  
6 gress shall have the reports indexed and bound, 1 copy  
7 to be deposited in the library of each House and 1 copy  
8 in the committee from which the report emanates.

9 **“§ 724. United States Statutes at Large: distribution**

10 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
11 Production and Procurement Services, after the final ad-  
12 journment of each regular session of Congress, shall print  
13 and bind copies of the United States Statutes at Large,  
14 to be charged to the congressional allotment for printing  
15 and binding. The Committee on Rules and Administration  
16 of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of  
17 the House of Representatives shall control the number and  
18 distribution of the copies. Senators and Representatives  
19 who request in writing in advance of its publication shall  
20 receive copies of such document.

21 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
22 Production and Procurement Services shall print and,  
23 after the end of each calendar year, bind and deliver to  
24 the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
25 Programs a number of copies of the United States Trea-  
26 ties and Other International Agreements not exceeding the



1 number of copies of the United States Statutes at Large  
2 required for distribution in the manner provided by chap-  
3 ter 19 of this title.

4 **“§ 725. United States Statutes at Large: references in**  
5 **margins**

6 “The Archivist of the United States shall include in  
7 the references in margins of the United States Statutes  
8 at Large the number of the bill or joint resolution (des-  
9 ignating S. for Senate bill, H.R. for House bill, S.J. Res.  
10 for Senate joint resolution and H.J. Res. for House joint  
11 resolution, as the case may be) under which each Act was  
12 approved and became a law, the reference in the margins  
13 to be placed within brackets immediately under the date  
14 of the approval of the Act at the beginning of each Act  
15 as printed beginning with volume 32 of the United States  
16 Statutes at Large.

17 **“§ 726. Distribution of documents to Members of Con-**  
18 **gress**

19 “Unless provided elsewhere in law, the Committee on  
20 Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Commit-  
21 tee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives  
22 shall determine the quantity and distribution of documents  
23 to the Members, committees, and offices of their respective  
24 Houses.

1 **“§ 727. Allotments of public documents printed after**  
2 **expiration of terms of Members of Con-**  
3 **gress: rights of reelected and retiring**  
4 **Members to documents**

5 “(a) The congressional allotment of Government pub-  
6 lications, other than the Congressional Record, printed  
7 after the expiration of the term of office of the Vice Presi-  
8 dent of the United States, or Senator, Representative, or  
9 Resident Commissioner, shall be delivered to his successor  
10 in office, unless such individual takes the documents prior  
11 to the 30th day of June next following the date of expira-  
12 tion.

13 “(b) Reelected and retiring Members may distribute  
14 public documents to their credit, or the credit of their re-  
15 spective districts during their successive terms, until their  
16 rights to frank documents ends.

17 “(c) Unless provided elsewhere in law, the disposition  
18 of Government publications allotted and distributed to  
19 Members during their terms of office shall be governed  
20 by rules established by the Committee on Rules and Ad-  
21 ministration of the Senate and the Committee on House  
22 Oversight of the House of Representatives for their respec-  
23 tive Houses.

1   **“§ 728. Documents and reports ordered by Members**  
2                   **of Congress: franks and envelopes for**  
3                   **Members of Congress**

4       “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
5   Production and Procurement Services, on order of a Mem-  
6   ber of Congress and prepayment of the cost, may reprint  
7   documents and reports of committees together with the  
8   evidence papers submitted, or any part ordered printed by  
9   Congress.

10      “(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
11   the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
12   House of Representatives shall establish for their respec-  
13   tive Houses rules governing the style, content, quantity,  
14   printing, distribution, and method of payment to the Su-  
15   perintendent of Government Publications Production and  
16   Procurement Services for franks printed on sheets and  
17   perforated, or singly, and envelopes used for mailing pub-  
18   lic documents. Franks may also contain information relat-  
19   ing to missing children as provided in section 3220 of title  
20   39.

21      “(c) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
22   Production and Procurement Services shall deposit mon-  
23   eys accruing under this section to the Government Publi-  
24   cations Office Revolving Fund as provided in section 502.

1   **“§ 729. Stationery and blank books for Congress**

2           “(a) Upon requisition of the Secretary of the Senate  
3   and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, respec-  
4   tively, the Superintendent of Government Publications  
5   Production and Procurement Services shall furnish sta-  
6   tionery, blank books, tables, forms, and other necessary  
7   papers preparatory to congressional legislation, required  
8   for the official use of the Senate and the House of Rep-  
9   resentatives, or their committees and officers.

10          “(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
11   the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
12   House of Representatives shall establish for their respec-  
13   tive Houses rules governing the method of payment to the  
14   Superintendent of Government Publications Production  
15   and Procurement Services for such papers.

16          “(c) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
17   Production and Procurement Services shall deposit mon-  
18   eys accruing under this section to the Government Publi-  
19   cations Office Revolving Fund as provided in section 502.

20          “(d) This section does not prevent the purchase by  
21   the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives  
22   of stationery and blank books necessary for sale to Sen-  
23   ators and Members in the stationery rooms of the 2  
24   Houses as provided by law.

1   **“§ 730. Binding for Members of Congress**

2           “The Committee on Rules and Administration of the  
3 Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
4 House of Representatives shall establish rules regarding  
5 the binding needs of their respective Members.

6   **“§ 731. Binding at expense of Members of Congress**

7           “The Superintendent of Government Publications  
8 Production and Procurement Services may bind at the  
9 Government Publications Office books, maps, charts, or  
10 documents published by authority of Congress upon appli-  
11 cation of a Member of Congress, and payment of the ac-  
12 tual cost of binding. The Superintendent of Government  
13 Publications Production and Procurement Services shall  
14 deposit moneys accruing under this section to the Govern-  
15 ment Publications Office Revolving Fund as provided in  
16 section 502.

17   **“§ 732. Binding for Senate library and House of Rep-**  
18                           **resentatives library**

19           “The Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the  
20 House of Representatives may make requisition upon the  
21 Superintendent of Government Publications Production  
22 and Procurement Services for the binding of books for the  
23 library of their respective Houses, subject to the approval  
24 of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-  
25 ate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House  
26 of Representatives, respectively.

1 **“§ 733. Distribution of Senate and House documents**  
2 **to Members**

3 “The Committee on Rules and Administration of the  
4 Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
5 House of Representatives, respectively, shall determine ap-  
6 propriate mechanisms for the distribution of congressional  
7 documents to the Members of each House.

8 **“§ 734. Publications stored at Capitol**

9 “(a) The Secretary and Sergeant at Arms of the Sen-  
10 ate and the Clerk and Sergeant at Arms of the House  
11 of Representatives, at the convening in regular session of  
12 each successive Congress, shall cause an inventory to be  
13 made of Government publications stored in and about the  
14 Capitol, other than those in the allotment of Members of  
15 Congress, in the Library of Congress and the Senate and  
16 House libraries and document rooms.

17 “(b) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
18 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
19 House of Representatives shall determine the disposition  
20 of this inventory, save 4 copies of leather-bound publica-  
21 tions which shall be reserved and carefully stored, to be  
22 used in supplying deficiencies in the Senate and House  
23 libraries caused by wear or loss.

1 **“§ 735. Congressional printing and binding appro-**  
2 **priation; authorization**

3 “Such sums are authorized to be appropriated as may  
4 be necessary.”.

5 (b) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after  
7 the effective date of this Act, the General Account-  
8 ing Office on behalf of the Administrator of the Gov-  
9 ernment Publications Office shall submit to the  
10 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Sen-  
11 ate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
12 House of Representatives a report on the feasibility  
13 of legislative branch agencies procuring printing and  
14 publications services directly from nongovernmental  
15 sources under a delegation of authority from the Ad-  
16 ministrator of the Government Publications Office, if  
17 such agencies certify to the Superintendent of Gov-  
18 ernment Publications Access Programs and the Su-  
19 perintendent of Government Publications Production  
20 and Procurement Services full compliance with the  
21 requirements of chapters 5 and 19 of title 44,  
22 United States Code.

23 (2) CONTENTS.—The report submitted under  
24 this section shall include—

25 (A) an analysis of the impact of allowing  
26 legislative branch agencies to procure directly

1 from nongovernmental sources, on the proce-  
2 dures and precedents of each House of Con-  
3 gress and on the integrity of congressional pub-  
4 lications;

5 (B) a study of the impact on the ability of  
6 the Government Publications Office to continue  
7 to function as a central procurement agency for  
8 the executive, legislative, and judicial branches  
9 (exclusive of the Supreme Court) of Govern-  
10 ment; and

11 (C) recommendations for the assurance of  
12 information security, convenience, quality, econ-  
13 omy, and efficiency in the procurement of print-  
14 ing services for all legislative branch agencies.

15 (c) SERIAL SET FEASIBILITY STUDY.—Not later  
16 than 24 months after the date of enactment of this Act,  
17 the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
18 Programs, in consultation with the Federal Publications  
19 Access Library Council, shall prepare and submit to the  
20 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and  
21 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
22 resentatives a report with recommendations on the fea-  
23 sibility of producing, disseminating, and maintaining per-  
24 manent public access to the serial sets described under



1 section 715 as publications created for or transmitted  
 2 through an electronic communications system or network.

3 (d) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—  
 4 The table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
 5 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 7 and  
 6 inserting the following:

**“7. Production of Publications and Procurement of Pub-  
 lications Services by Congress and Legisla-  
 tive Agencies ..... 701”.**

7 **SEC. 303. CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.**

8 Chapter 9 of title 44, United States Code, is amended  
 9 to read as follows:

10 **“CHAPTER 9—CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**

“Sec.

“901. Congressional Record: arrangement, style, contents, and indexes.

“902. Congressional Record: indexes.

“903. Congressional Record: daily and permanent forms.

“904. Congressional Record: maps; diagrams; illustrations.

“905. Congressional Record: additional insertions.

“906. Congressional Record: gratuitous copies; delivery.

“907. Congressional Record: extracts for Members of Congress; mailing enve-  
 lopes.

“908. Congressional Record: payment for printing extracts or other documents.

“909. Congressional Record: subscriptions; sale of current, individual numbers,  
 and bound sets; postage rate.

11 **“§ 901. Congressional Record: arrangement, style,**  
 12 **contents, and indexes**

13 “(a) The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
 14 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
 15 House of Representatives, acting jointly, shall control the  
 16 arrangement and style of the Congressional Record, and  
 17 while providing that it shall be substantially a verbatim

1 report of proceedings, shall take all needed action for the  
2 reduction of its size.

3 “(b) An index of the Congressional Record shall be  
4 published semimonthly during and at the close of sessions  
5 of Congress.

6 **“§ 902. Congressional Record: indexes**

7 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
8 Production and Procurement Services shall prepare the  
9 semimonthly and the session index to the Congressional  
10 Record. The Committee on Rules and Administration of  
11 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
12 House of Representatives, acting jointly, shall direct the  
13 form and manner of its publication and distribution.

14 “(b) Those persons employed in the Congressional  
15 Record Index Office on the effective date of the Govern-  
16 ment Publications Reform Act of 1998 shall be employees  
17 of the Government Publications Office subject to the pro-  
18 visions of this title governing selection, appointments, em-  
19 ployment in the Government Publications Office, and any  
20 regulations thereunder.

21 **“§ 903. Congressional Record: daily and permanent**  
22 **forms**

23 “The public proceedings of each House of Congress  
24 as reported by the Official Reporters, shall be published  
25 in the Congressional Record, which shall be issued daily

1 during each session and shall be revised, printed, and  
2 bound in permanent form subject to section 714 of this  
3 title. The daily and the permanent Record shall bear the  
4 same date, which shall be that of the actual day's proceed-  
5 ings reported. The 'usual number' of the Congressional  
6 Record may not be printed.

7 **“§ 904. Congressional Record: maps; diagrams; illus-**  
8 **trations**

9 “Maps, diagrams, or illustrations may not be inserted  
10 in the Congressional Record without the approval of the  
11 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and  
12 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
13 resentatives, for their respective Houses.

14 **“§ 905. Congressional Record: additional insertions**

15 “The Secretary of the Senate, acting under the direc-  
16 tion of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the  
17 Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
18 acting under the direction of the Committee on House  
19 Oversight of the House of Representatives, shall cause to  
20 be published in the daily Record the legislative program  
21 for the day together with a list of congressional committee  
22 meetings and hearings and the place of meeting and sub-  
23 ject matter. Such committees shall cause a brief resume  
24 of congressional activities for the previous day to be incor-  
25 porated in the Record, together with an index of its con-

1 tents prepared under the supervision of the Secretary of  
 2 the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives,  
 3 respectively.

4 **“§ 906. Congressional Record: gratuitous copies; de-**  
 5 **livery**

6 “(a) At the direction of the Committee on Rules and  
 7 Administration of the Senate and the Committee on  
 8 House Oversight of the House of Representatives, jointly,  
 9 the Superintendent of Government Publications Produc-  
 10 tion and Procurement Services shall furnish the Congres-  
 11 sional Record as follows:

12 “(1) Of the bound edition—

13 “(A) not more than 1 copy to the Vice  
 14 President;

15 “(B) not more than 1 copy to those Sen-  
 16 ators and Members of Congress who so request  
 17 in writing prior to its publication;

18 “(C) not more than 1 copy each to the  
 19 Secretary and the Sergeant at Arms of the Sen-  
 20 ate, if so requested in writing prior to its publi-  
 21 cation;

22 “(D) not more than 1 copy each to the  
 23 Clerk of the House of Representatives and the  
 24 House Sergeant at Arms;

1           “(E) not more than 2 copies each to the li-  
2           braries of the Senate and House of Representa-  
3           tives, respectively;

4           “(F) a number, to be determined and held  
5           by the Committee on Rules and Administration  
6           of the Senate and the Committee on House  
7           Oversight of the House of Representatives, act-  
8           ing jointly, for the use by each House, respec-  
9           tively;

10          “(G) to fulfill standing orders and such  
11          other requirements authorized by law; and

12          “(H) the Federal Publications Access Li-  
13          braries, in such numbers as the Superintendent  
14          of Government Publications Access Programs  
15          shall determine.

16          “(2) Of the daily edition—

17               “(A) in such numbers as shall be deter-  
18               mined at the beginning of each Congress by the  
19               Committee on Rules and Administration of the  
20               Senate and the Committee on House Oversight  
21               of the House of Representatives, acting joint-  
22               ly—

23                       “(i) to the Vice President;

1 “(ii) to the Senate document room for  
2 distribution to each Senator, committees,  
3 and for other purposes;

4 “(iii) to the offices of the Secretary of  
5 the Senate and Senate Sergeant at Arms;

6 “(iv) to the Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives for distribution to each  
8 Member of the House of Representatives,  
9 committees, and for other purposes and to  
10 the House Sergeant at Arms; and

11 “(v) to fulfill standing orders and  
12 such other requirements authorized by law;

13 “(B) to the Vice President and each Sen-  
14 ator and Representative in Congress (non-  
15 transferable) 2 copies of which 1 shall be deliv-  
16 ered at his office, and 1 at the Capitol; and

17 “(C) the Federal Publications Access Li-  
18 braries, in such numbers as the Superintendent  
19 of Government Publications Access Programs  
20 shall determine.

21 “(b) In addition to the foregoing, the Congressional  
22 Record and the semimonthly index shall also be furnished  
23 in such numbers as shall be determined at the beginning  
24 of each Congress by the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
25 tration of the Senate and the Committee on House Over-

1 sight of the House of Representatives, acting jointly, but  
 2 in no case shall the usual number be less than 1 and the  
 3 usual number shall be sufficient to provide copies for dis-  
 4 tribution to—

5           “(1) the President;

6           “(2) Committees and Commissions of Congress;

7           “(3) the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of  
 8 the Supreme Court;

9           “(4) the Marshall and Clerk of the Supreme  
 10 Court;

11           “(5) the United States circuit and district  
 12 courts and their respective libraries;

13           “(6) the Tax Court of the United States and its  
 14 library;

15           “(7) the Court of Veterans Appeals and its li-  
 16 brary;

17           “(8) the Office of the Congressional Record  
 18 Index;

19           “(9) the Chaplain of the Senate;

20           “(10) the Postmaster of the Senate;

21           “(11) the Secretaries to the Majority and Mi-  
 22 nority of the Senate;

23           “(12) the Office of the Parliamentarian of the  
 24 Senate;

1           “(13) the Office of the Parliamentarian of the  
2       House of Representatives;

3           “(14) the offices of the Official Reporters of  
4       Debate of the Senate;

5           “(15) the offices of the Official Reporters of  
6       Debate of the House of Representatives;

7           “(16) the office of the stenographers to commit-  
8       tees of the House of Representatives;

9           “(17) the offices of the superintendents of the  
10      Senate and the House of Representatives Press Gal-  
11      leries;

12          “(18) the offices of the Legislative Counsel of  
13      the Senate and the House of Representatives;

14          “(19) the Architect of the Capitol;

15          “(20) the libraries of the Senate and the House  
16      of Representatives;

17          “(21) the library of the Supreme Court;

18          “(22) the library of the United States Court of  
19      Federal Claims;

20          “(23) the library of the United States Court of  
21      International Trade;

22          “(24) the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
23      cations and Procurement Services, for official use;

24          “(25) the Botanic Garden;

25          “(26) the Archivist of the United States;



1           “(27) the library of each Executive department  
2           and independent establishment of the Government of  
3           the District of Columbia (except those designated as  
4           Federal publications access libraries) and the librar-  
5           ies of the municipal government of the District of  
6           Columbia;

7           “(28) the Smithsonian Institution;

8           “(29) the Naval Observatory;

9           “(30) the Governors of Puerto Rico, Guam, and  
10          the Virgin Islands;

11          “(31) former Presidents and former Vice Presi-  
12          dents of the United States;

13          “(32) to each former Senator and Representa-  
14          tive and Resident Commissioners, upon written re-  
15          quest;

16          “(33) to the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
17          tration of the Senate and the Committee on House  
18          Oversight of the House of Representatives;

19          “(34) the Governors of each State;

20          “(35) each of the separate establishments of the  
21          Armed Services Retirement Homes, the National  
22          Homes for Disabled Veterans, and the State Soldiers  
23          Homes;

24          “(36) the Federal Publications Access Librar-  
25          ies, in such numbers as the Superintendent of Gov-

1       ernment Publications Access Programs shall deter-  
2       mine;

3           “(37) the Department of State for United  
4       States Embassies and Consular offices;

5           “(38) foreign legations in Washington, District  
6       of Columbia, whose government extends a like cour-  
7       tesy to embassies and legations of the United States  
8       abroad;

9           “(39) each accredited newspaper correspondent  
10      whose name appears in the Congressional Directory;

11          “(40) the Court of Military Appeals and its li-  
12      brary;

13          “(41) the United States Court of Federal  
14      Claims and its library; and

15          “(42) the United States Customs Court and its  
16      library.

17      “(c) Copies of the daily edition, unless otherwise di-  
18      rected by the Committee on Rules and Administration of  
19      the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
20      House of Representatives, jointly, shall be supplied and  
21      delivered promptly on the day after the actual day’s pro-  
22      ceedings as originally published. Each order for the daily  
23      Record shall begin with the current issue, if previous  
24      issues of the same session are not available. The appor-  
25      tionment specified by the committees jointly for daily cop-

1 ies may not be transferred for the bound form and an al-  
 2 lotment of daily copies not used by a Member during a  
 3 session shall lapse when the session ends.

4 **“§ 907. Congressional Record: extracts for Members**  
 5 **of Congress; mailing envelopes**

6 “The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 7 Production and Procurement Services may print and de-  
 8 liver, upon the order of a Member of Congress and pay-  
 9 ment of the cost, extracts from the Congressional Record.  
 10 Provision of envelopes for the mailing of such extracts  
 11 shall be governed by sections 727 and 728.

12 **“§ 908. Congressional Record: payment for printing**  
 13 **extracts or other documents**

14 “If a Member or Resident Commissioner fails to pay  
 15 the cost of printing extracts from the Congressional  
 16 Record or other Government publications ordered by him  
 17 to be printed, the Administrator shall certify the amount  
 18 due to the Financial Clerk of the Senate or the Chief Ac-  
 19 counting Officer of the House of Representatives, as the  
 20 case may be, who shall deduct from the Member’s office  
 21 account the delinquent amount, and pay the amount so  
 22 obtained to the Administrator, to be applied by the Admin-  
 23 istrator to the satisfaction of the indebtedness.

1 **“§ 909. Congressional Record: subscriptions; sale of**  
2 **current, individual numbers, and bound**  
3 **sets; postage rate**

4 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
5 Access Programs may sell—

6 “(1) subscriptions to the Congressional Record;  
7 and

8 “(2) current, individual numbers, and bound  
9 sets.

10 “(b) The price of the subscription shall be determined  
11 by the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
12 Programs and shall be sufficient to cover the cost of pub-  
13 lishing and distributing the Congressional Record in ac-  
14 cordance with section 1708. Such price shall be paid in  
15 advance and the receipts from any such sale shall be de-  
16 posited into the account of the Superintendent of Govern-  
17 ment Publications Access Programs within the Revolving  
18 Fund of the Government Publications Office.

19 “(c) The Congressional Record shall be entitled to be  
20 mailed at the same rates of postage at which any news-  
21 paper or other periodical publication, with a legitimate list  
22 of paid subscribers, is entitled to be mailed.”.

1 **SEC. 304. PRODUCTION OF PUBLICATIONS AND PROCURE-**  
 2 **MENT OF PUBLICATIONS SERVICES; LEGISLA-**  
 3 **TIVE OVERSIGHT.**

4 (a) APPROVAL OF PRINTING CERTAIN DOCU-  
 5 MENTS.—Section 1108 of title 44, United States Code, is  
 6 amended by striking “, subject to regulations by the Joint  
 7 Committee on Printing,”.

8 (b) ORDERING OF DOCUMENTS FOR EXECUTIVE  
 9 AGENCY USE.—Section 1110 of title 44, United States  
 10 Code, is amended by striking the last sentence and insert-  
 11 ing the following: “Publications ordered under this section  
 12 shall be paid in advance and the receipts from any such  
 13 sale shall be deposited into the account of the Super-  
 14 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs  
 15 within the Revolving Fund of the Government Publica-  
 16 tions Office.

17 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1112 of title 44,  
 19 United States Code is repealed.

20 (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
 21 MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 11 of title  
 22 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
 23 item relating to section 1112.

24 (d) ANNUAL REPORTS: NUMBER OF COPIES FOR  
 25 CONGRESS.—Section 1114 of title 44, United States Code,  
 26 is amended to read as follows:

1 **“§ 1114. Annual reports: number of copies for Con-**  
 2 **gress**

3 “At the beginning of each Congress, the Committee  
 4 on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Com-  
 5 mittee on House Oversight of the House of Representa-  
 6 tives, respectively, shall establish the number of annual re-  
 7 ports of the departments to Congress to be printed for  
 8 the use of each House.”.

9 (e) PAPER AND ENVELOPES.—Section 1121 of title  
 10 44, United States Code, is amended—

11 (1) by striking “, under direction of the Joint  
 12 Committee on Printing,”;

13 (2) by striking “sections 509–516 of this title”  
 14 and inserting “section 507”; and

15 (3) by striking “the District of Columbia” and  
 16 inserting “the national capital region”.

17 (f) REFERENCES TO SUPERINTENDENT OF GOVERN-  
 18 MENT PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT  
 19 SERVICES.—Chapter 11 of title 44, United States Code,  
 20 is amended—

21 (1) by striking “Public Printer” each place it  
 22 appears and inserting “Superintendent of Govern-  
 23 ment Publications Production and Procurement  
 24 Services”; and

25 (2) in section 1108, by striking “Superintend-  
 26 ent of Documents” and inserting “Superintendent of

1 Government Publications Production and Procure-  
2 ment Services”.

3 **SEC. 305. PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 13 of title 44, United  
5 States Code, is repealed.

6 (b) TABLE OF CHAPTERS.—The table of chapters for  
7 title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
8 item relating to chapter 13.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall become ef-  
10 fective 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 306. COSTS OF PRODUCING REGULATORY PUBLICA-**  
12 **TIONS.**

13 Section 1509 of title 44, United States Code, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 **“§ 1509. Cost of publication, etc.**

16 “(a) The cost of printing, reprinting, wrapping, bind-  
17 ing, and distributing the Federal Register and the Code  
18 of Federal Regulations, and, except as provided in sub-  
19 section (b), other expenses incurred by the Government  
20 Publications Office in carrying out the duties placed upon  
21 it by this chapter shall be charged to the Revolving Fund  
22 provided in section 306, Reimbursements for such costs  
23 and expenses shall be made by the Federal agencies and  
24 credited, together with all receipts, as provided in section  
25 306.

1       “(b) The cost of producing, reproducing, and distrib-  
 2       uting all other publications of the Federal Register pro-  
 3       gram, and other expenses incurred in connection with such  
 4       publications, shall be paid by the Archivist of the United  
 5       States from appropriations authorized by Congress for  
 6       purposes of this section.”.

7       **SEC. 307. PUBLICATIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 411 of title 28, United  
 9       States Code is amended to read as follows:

10      **“§ 411. Supreme Court reports; printing, binding, and**  
 11                                   **distribution**

12      “(a) The decisions of the Supreme Court of the  
 13      United States shall be published and distributed in a man-  
 14      ner and format determined by the Supreme Court as soon  
 15      as practicable after rendition, and charged to the proper  
 16      appropriation for the judiciary.

17      “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 18      Access Programs shall procure such copies of the publica-  
 19      tions of the Supreme Court in accordance with chapters  
 20      17 and 19 of title 44 and the Government Publications  
 21      Reform Act of 1998.”.

22      (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

23                   (1) Section 412 of title 28, United States Code,  
 24      is amended—



(A) by striking “Public Printer” and inserting “Superintendent of Government Publications Production and Procurement Services”; and

(B) by striking “Superintendent of Documents” and inserting “Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs”.

(2) Section 676(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking “Public Printer and the Superintendent of Public Documents” and inserting “Administrator of the Government Publications Office and the Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs”.

**SEC. 308. REPEAL OF PROVISIONS EXEMPTING STATUTORY PUBLICATIONS PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTION PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) Section 3(a)(6) of the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 (3 U.S.C. 102 note) is amended to read as follows:

“(6) Payment of expenses for necessary printing and binding.”.

(2) Section 4 of the Act of August 31, 1922 (7 U.S.C. 285) is amended by striking “without regard to section 501 of title 44, United States Code,”.

1           (3) Section 101(f) of the Department of Agri-  
2           culture Organic Act of 1944 (7 U.S.C. 431) is  
3           amended by striking “without regard to existing  
4           laws applicable to public printing”.

5           (4) Section 3(h) of the International Wheat  
6           Agreement Act of 1949 (7 U.S.C. 1642(h)) is  
7           amended by striking “for printing and binding,” and  
8           inserting “for printing and binding, subject to the  
9           provisions of title 44, United States Code,”.

10          (5) Section 2(a)(1) of the Export-Import Bank  
11          Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635(a)(1)) is amended by  
12          striking “without regard to the provisions of section  
13          501 of title 44, United States Code, whenever the  
14          Bank determines that publication in accordance with  
15          the provisions of such section would not be prac-  
16          ticable”.

17          (6) Section 1 of the National Housing Act (12  
18          U.S.C. 1702) is amended in the second sentence by  
19          striking “, printing, and binding”.

20          (7) The Act entitled “An Act to extend the time  
21          for purchase and distribution of surplus agricultural  
22          commodities for relief purposes and to continue the  
23          Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation”, ap-  
24          proved June 28, 1937 (15 U.S.C. 713c) is amended  
25          in the first proviso by striking “, including rent,

1       printing and binding,” and inserting “(except print-  
2       ing and binding) including rent”.

3           (8) Section 201(e)(1) of the Export Administra-  
4       tion Amendments Act of 1985 (15 U.S.C.  
5       4051(e)(1)) is amended by striking “Notwithstand-  
6       ing the provisions of section 501 of title 44, United  
7       States Code, and consistent” and inserting “Consist-  
8       ent”.

9           (9) Section 12 of the Tuna Conventions Act of  
10       1950 (16 U.S.C. 961) is amended by striking clause  
11       (c) and redesignating clauses (d) and (e) as clauses  
12       (c) and (d), respectively.

13          (10) Section 2(b)(2) of the Act entitled “An  
14       Act to authorize the construction of a National Fish-  
15       eries Center and Aquarium in the District of Colum-  
16       bia and to provide for its operation”, approved Octo-  
17       ber 9, 1992 (16 U.S.C. 1052(b)(2)) is amended by  
18       striking “all or any of which may be reproduced by  
19       any printing or other process without regard to ex-  
20       isting regulations,”.

21          (11) Section 5(c) of the National Foundation  
22       on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
23       954(c)) is amended by striking the first sentence fol-  
24       lowing clause (10).

1           (12) Section 7(c) of the National Foundation  
2           on the Arts and Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
3           956(c)) is amended by striking the first sentence fol-  
4           lowing clause (10).

5           (13) Section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to  
6           authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to cooperate  
7           with the Government of Mexico in the control and  
8           eradication of foot-in-mouth disease and rinderpest”,  
9           approved February 28, 1947 (21 U.S.C. 114c) is  
10          amended by striking “without regard to section 87  
11          of the Act of January 12, 1895, or section 11 of the  
12          Act of March 1, 1919 (U.S.C. title 44, sec. 111).”.

13          (14) Section 2(b)(1) of the joint resolution enti-  
14          tled “Joint Resolution providing for acceptance by  
15          the United States of America of the Constitution of  
16          the International Labor Organization Instrument of  
17          Amendment, and further authorizing an appropria-  
18          tion for payment of the United States share of the  
19          expenses of membership and for expenses of partici-  
20          pation by the United States”, approved June 30,  
21          1948 (22 U.S.C. 272a(b)(1)) is amended by striking  
22          “printing and binding without regard to section 11  
23          of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C. 111), and  
24          section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as amended”.

1           (15) Section 2(b) of the joint resolution entitled  
2           “Joint Resolution providing for membership and  
3           participation in the Caribbean Commission and au-  
4           thorizing an appropriation therefor”, approved  
5           March 4, 1948 (22 U.S.C. 280i(d)) is amended by  
6           striking “printing and binding without regard to sec-  
7           tion 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C.  
8           111), and section 3709 of the Revised Statutes, as  
9           amended;”.

10          (16) Section 2(b) of the joint resolution entitled  
11          “Joint Resolution providing for participation by the  
12          Government of the United States in the Pan Amer-  
13          ican Railway Congress, and authorizing an appro-  
14          priation therefor”, approved June 28, 1948 (22  
15          U.S.C. 280k(b)) is amended by striking “without re-  
16          gard to section 501 of title 44, United States Code,  
17          and section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (41 U.S.C.  
18          5);”.

19          (17) Section 8 of the United Nations Participa-  
20          tion Act of 1945 (22 U.S.C. 287e) is amended by  
21          striking “without regard to section 11 of the Act of  
22          March 1, 1949 (44 U.S.C. 111);”.

23          (18) Section 6(k) of the joint resolution entitled  
24          “Joint Resolution providing for membership and  
25          participation by the United States in the United Na-

1        tions Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organiza-  
2        tion, and authorizing an appropriation therefor”, ap-  
3        proved July 30, 1946 (22 U.S.C. 287r(k)) is amend-  
4        ed by striking “without regard to section 11 of the  
5        Act of March 1, 1919 (U.S.C., title 44, sec. 111),  
6        and section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C.  
7        title 41, sec. 5);”.

8            (19) Section 3(b)(1) of the joint resolution enti-  
9        tled “Joint Resolution providing for membership and  
10       participation by the United States in the World  
11       Health Organization and authorizing an appropria-  
12       tion therefor”, approved June 14, 1948 (22 U.S.C.  
13       290b(b)(1)) is amended by striking “without regard  
14       to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44  
15       U.S.C. 111), and section 3709 of the Revised Stat-  
16       utes, as amended;”.

17            (20) Section 401(w) of the Foreign Assistance  
18       Act of 1969 (22 U.S.C. 290f(w)) is amended by  
19       striking “without regard to section 501 of title 44,  
20       United States Code”.

21            (21) Section 801(4) of the United States Infor-  
22       mation and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22  
23       U.S.C. 1471(4)) is amended by striking “, without  
24       regard to section 501 of title 44, United States  
25       Code”.

1           (22) Section 5 of the International Atomic En-  
2           ergy Agency Participation Act of 1957 (22 U.S.C.  
3           2024) is amended by striking “without regard to  
4           section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C.  
5           111);”.

6           (23) Section 636(b) of the Foreign Assistance  
7           Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2396(b)) is amended by  
8           striking “without regard to provisions of any other  
9           law”.

10          (24) Section 15(a) of the Peace Corps Act (22  
11          U.S.C. 2514(a)) is amended by striking “without re-  
12          gard to provisions of any other law”.

13          (25) Section 48 of the Arms Control and Disar-  
14          mament Act (22 U.S.C. 2588) is amended by strik-  
15          ing “without regard to the provisions of section 11  
16          of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C. 111);”.

17          (26) Section 5(a)(1) of the Migration and Refu-  
18          gee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2605(a)(1))  
19          is amended by striking “without regard to provisions  
20          of any other law,”.

21          (27) Section 2(a) of the State Department  
22          Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2669(a))  
23          is amended by striking “without regard to section 11  
24          of the Act of March 1, 1919 (44 U.S.C. 111)”.

1           (28) Section 23 of the Act of June 25, 1910  
2           (25 U.S.C. 47; 33 Stat. 861) is amended by striking  
3           “(including, but not limited to printing, notwith-  
4           standing any other law)” and inserting “(including  
5           printing)”.

6           (29) Section 204(d)(3) of the Marine Resources  
7           and Engineering Development Act of 1966 (33  
8           U.S.C. 1123(d)(3)) is amended by striking “, with-  
9           out regard to section 501 of title 44, United States  
10          Code”.

11          (30) Section 405(c)(4) of the Public Health  
12          Service Act (42 U.S.C. 284(c)(4)) is amended by  
13          striking “without regard to section 501 of title 44,  
14          United States Code”.

15          (31) Section 11(g) of the National Science  
16          Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1870(g)) is  
17          amended by striking “, without regard to the provi-  
18          sions of section 87 of the Act of January 12, 1895  
19          (28 Stat. 622), and section 11 for the Act of March  
20          1, 1919 (40 Stat. 1270; 44 U.S.C., sec. 111)”.

21          (32) Section 9(k) of the Lower Mississippi  
22          Delta Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3121 note; Pub-  
23          lic Law 100–460; 102 Stat. 2246) is amended by  
24          striking “, notwithstanding any other provision of  
25          law”.



1           (33) Section 11(c) of the Railroad Unemploy-  
 2           ment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. 361(c)) is amended  
 3           by striking “printing and binding;”.

4           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
 5   120 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

6   **SEC. 309. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING**  
 7                           **AMENDMENTS RELATING TO CONGRES-**  
 8                           **SIONAL PUBLICATIONS.**

9           (a) PRINTING OF ENROLLED BILLS AND RESOLU-  
 10   TIONS.—

11           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 107 of title 1,  
 12   United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

13   **“§ 107. Printing of enrolled bills and resolutions**

14           “Enrolled bills and resolutions of either House of  
 15   Congress shall be printed in accordance with rules estab-  
 16   lished by the respective Houses of Congress.”.

17           (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
 18   MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 2 of title  
 19   1, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
 20   item relating to section 107 and inserting the follow-  
 21   ing:

“107. Printing of enrolled bills and resolutions.”.

22           (b) CODE OF LAWS.—

23           (1) IN GENERAL.—Sections 211, 212, and 213  
 24   of title 1, United States Code, are repealed.

1           (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
 2           MENT.—The table of sections for chapter 2 of title  
 3           1, United States Code, is amended by striking the  
 4           items relating to sections 211, 212, and 213.

5           (c) PRECEDENTS.—The joint resolution entitled “A  
 6           joint resolution to provide for the printing and distribution  
 7           of the Precedents of the House of Representatives com-  
 8           piled and prepared by Lewis Deschler”, approved October  
 9           18, 1976 (2 U.S.C. 28b, 28c, 28d, and 28e) is repealed.

10          (d) CONSTITUTION ANNOTATED.—The first section  
 11          of the joint resolution of December 24, 1970 (2 U.S.C.  
 12          168; Public Law 91–589; 84 Stat. 1586) is amended to  
 13          read as follows: “That (a) The Director of the Congres-  
 14          sional Research Service shall have prepared—

15               “(1) every 10 years, a hardbound revised edi-  
 16               tion of the Constitution of the United States of  
 17               America—Analysis and Interpretation (hereafter re-  
 18               ferred to as the ‘Constitution Annotated’);

19               “(2) every 2 years in the interim period be-  
 20               tween decennial editions, cumulative supplements to  
 21               the most recent hardbound decennial revised edition  
 22               of the Constitution Annotated, which shall contain  
 23               cumulative analysis of decisions rendered by the Su-  
 24               preme Court after the period covered by the last  
 25               hardbound decennial revised edition; and

1           “(3) an electronic version of the Constitution  
2       Annotated, to be updated regularly.

3           “(b) The edition of the Constitution Annotated first  
4       prepared after the effective date of the Government Publi-  
5       cations Reform Act of 1998 shall contain analysis and in-  
6       terpretation of decisions rendered by the Supreme Court  
7       of the United States through the end of its October 2001  
8       term, construing provisions of the Constitution. Subse-  
9       quent decennial revised editions will revise and update  
10      analysis to cover constitutional law developments during  
11      the then-most-recent 10 terms of the Supreme Court.”.

12           (e) OFFICIAL TERRITORIAL PAPERS.—

13           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 145 of title 4,  
14      United States Code, is repealed.

15           (2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-  
16      MENTS.—

17           (A) REDESIGNATION.—Section 146 of title  
18      4, United States Code, is amended in the sec-  
19      tion heading by striking “§ 146.” and inserting  
20      “§ 145.”.

21           (B) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of  
22      sections for chapter 5 of title 4, United States  
23      Code, is amended by striking the items relating  
24      to sections 145 and 146 and inserting the fol-  
25      lowing:

“145. Authorization of appropriations.”.

1 **TITLE IV—OFFICE OF GOVERN-**  
 2 **MENT PUBLICATIONS ACCESS**  
 3 **PROGRAMS**

4 **SEC. 401. SHORT TITLE.**

5 This title may be cited as the “Federal Publications  
 6 Dissemination Act of 1998”.

7 **SEC. 402. FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS ACCESS PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 19 of title 44, United  
 9 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 **“CHAPTER 19—FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS**  
 11 **ACCESS PROGRAMS**

“Sec.

“1901. Purpose.

“1902. Definition.

“1903. Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs.

“1904. Access to Government publications through the Superintendent of Gov-  
 ernment Publications; Superintendent responsibilities and au-  
 thorities.

“1905. Access to Government publications through the Superintendent of Gov-  
 ernment Publications Access Programs: agency responsibilities  
 and authorities.

“1906. Access to Government publications through the Superintendent of Gov-  
 ernment Publications Access Programs: compliance and en-  
 forcement: executive branch.

“1906a. Access to Government publications through the Superintendent of Gov-  
 ernment Publications Access Programs: compliance and en-  
 forcement: legislative branch.

“1906b. Access to Government publications through the Superintendent of Gov-  
 ernment Publications Access Programs: compliance and en-  
 forcement: judicial branch.

“1907. Permanent Public Access to Government publications.

“1908. Designation of Federal publications access libraries.

“1909. Regional Federal publications access libraries.

“1910. Federal publications access libraries: responsibilities.

“1911. Federal publications access libraries council.

12 **“§ 1901. Purpose**

13 “The purposes of this chapter are to—

1 “(1) broaden, strengthen, and enhance public  
 2 access to all Government publications regardless of  
 3 form or format through Federal Publications Access  
 4 Programs; and

5 “(2) provide permanent public access to and en-  
 6 sure the authenticity of Government publications re-  
 7 gardless of form or format.

8 **“§ 1902. Definition**

9 “In this title—

10 “(1) the term ‘agency’ means—

11 “(A) an executive department, government  
 12 corporation, government-controlled corporation,  
 13 or other establishment in the executive branch  
 14 of the Government, including—

15 “(i) the Executive Office of the Presi-  
 16 dent; and

17 “(ii) any independent regulatory agen-  
 18 cy; and

19 “(B) an establishment or component of the  
 20 legislative branch as determined by the rules of  
 21 the Senate and the House of Representatives,  
 22 respectively, or judicial branch of the Govern-  
 23 ment;

24 “(2) the term ‘Federal publications access li-  
 25 brary’ means a library designated under section

1 1908 to participate in the Federal Publications Ac-  
 2 cess Programs; and

3 “(3) the term ‘Government publication’—

4 “(A) means any information product or  
 5 other discrete set of Government information,  
 6 regardless of form or format, that—

7 “(i) is created or compiled—

8 “(I) by the Government;

9 “(II) at Government expense in  
 10 whole or in part; or

11 “(III) as required by law; and

12 “(ii) an agency discloses, dissemi-  
 13 nates, or makes available to the public; and

14 “(B) shall not include information that—

15 “(i) is required for official use only or  
 16 is for strictly internal administrative or  
 17 operational purposes having no public in-  
 18 terest or educational value; or

19 “(ii) is classified for reasons of na-  
 20 tional security.

21 **“§ 1903. Superintendent of Government Publications**

22 **Access Programs**

23 “(a)(1) The President shall appoint, by and with the  
 24 advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of 5 years,  
 25 the Superintendent of Government Publications Access

1 Programs (who may also be referred to as the ‘Super-  
2 intendent of Access Programs’).

3 “(2) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
4 Access Programs shall be appointed without regard to po-  
5 litical affiliation, and solely on the basis of professional  
6 qualifications to perform the duties and responsibilities of  
7 the office.

8 “(3) An individual may be appointed to more than  
9 1 term as Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
10 cess Programs.

11 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
12 Access Programs shall serve under the direction of the Ad-  
13 ministrator and shall take charge of and manage the Fed-  
14 eral Publications Access Programs including but not lim-  
15 ited to the Federal publications access library program as  
16 provided in chapter 19, the Federal publications sales pro-  
17 gram as provided in chapter 17, and GPO ACCESS, as  
18 provided in chapter 41.

19 “(c)(1) In consultation with the Administrator of the  
20 Government Publications Office, the Office of Manage-  
21 ment and Budget, the Administrative Office of the United  
22 States Courts, the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
23 tion of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight  
24 of the House of Representatives, the Superintendent of  
25 Government Publications Access Programs may issue reg-

1   ulations, consistent with this title, that the Superintendent  
2   of Government Publications Access Programs considers  
3   necessary to carry out the duties and powers of the Super-  
4   intendent of Government Publications Access Programs to  
5   enhance the dissemination of Government publications,  
6   and to expand and improve the maintenance of permanent  
7   public access to Government publications.

8       “(2) All such regulations shall be promulgated in ac-  
9   cordance with the requirements of section 553 and section  
10  556 of title 5, United States Code, and the requirements  
11  of chapter 7, United States Code.

12       “(3) All such regulations shall be promulgated in ac-  
13  cordance with chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code,  
14  and notwithstanding section 804(2), all such regulations  
15  promulgated shall be treated as a ‘major rule’.

16       “(d) The annual rate of pay for the Superintendent  
17  of Government Publications Access Programs shall be a  
18  rate equal to the rate payable for a position at level IV  
19  of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of title 5.

20       “(e)(1) There shall be a Deputy Superintendent of  
21  Government Publications Access Programs, who shall be  
22  appointed by the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
23  tions Access Programs.

24       “(2) The Deputy Superintendent of Government  
25  Publications Access Programs shall perform—



1           “(A) all the duties and responsibilities assigned  
2       by the Superintendent of Government Publications  
3       Access Programs; and

4           “(B) the duties and responsibilities of the Su-  
5       perintendent of Government Publications Access  
6       Programs in the event of—

7                 “(i) a vacancy in the office of the Super-  
8                 intendent of Government Publications Access  
9                 Programs; or

10                “(ii) incapacity of the Superintendent of  
11                Government Publications Access Programs.

12       “(3) The Deputy Superintendent of Government  
13       Publications Access Programs shall be paid at an annual  
14       rate of pay equal to the rate payable for a position on  
15       the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5316  
16       of title 5.

17       “(f)(1) There shall be established within the Revolv-  
18       ing Fund of the Government Publications Office under  
19       section 306, an account, or accounts, under the authority  
20       of the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
21       Programs to be available without fiscal year limitation for  
22       the operation of the Federal Publications Access Pro-  
23       grams, including—

24                 “(A) rental of buildings;

25                 “(B) attendance at meetings;

1           “(C) employee training;

2           “(D) purchase, maintenance, and operation of  
3       required equipment, supplies, and contracts; and

4           “(E) salaries and expenses of program employ-  
5       ees.

6       “(2) The fund shall be reimbursed and the account,  
7       or accounts, of the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
8       cations Access Programs shall be credited—

9           “(A) for the cost of all services and supplies  
10       furnished, including those furnished by other appro-  
11       priations of the Federal Publications Access Pro-  
12       grams; and

13           “(B) with all receipts including sales of Govern-  
14       ment publications, waste, condemned and surplus  
15       property, with payments received for losses or dam-  
16       age to property, and with funds retrieved from agen-  
17       cies for the procurement of or access to publications  
18       not compliant with this title.

19       “(3)(A) An adequate system of accounts for the fund  
20       shall be maintained on the accrual method, and financial  
21       reports prepared on the basis of accepted accounting  
22       standards in accordance with section 306.

23       “(B)(i) The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
24       tions Access Programs shall prepare and submit to the  
25       Administrator an annual business-type budget for the ac-

1 counts under his authority within the fund. This budget  
 2 program shall be as prescribed by section 9104 of title  
 3 31.

4 “(ii) Notwithstanding clause (i), for the purposes of  
 5 section 8147 of title 5, the activities of the Superintendent  
 6 of Government Publications Access Programs are not con-  
 7 sidered activities which are required by statute to submit  
 8 an annual budget pursuant to or as provided by chapter  
 9 91 of title 31.

10 “(g) There are authorized to be appropriated such  
 11 sums as are necessary for the Superintendent of Govern-  
 12 ment Publications Access Programs for the salaries and  
 13 expenses of the Federal Publications Access Programs, ex-  
 14 clusive of the Government publications sales program  
 15 under chapter 17.

16 **“§ 1904. Access to Government publications through**  
 17 **the Superintendent of Government Publi-**  
 18 **cations; Superintendent’s responsibilities**  
 19 **and authorities**

20 “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 21 Access Programs shall use whatever measures are nec-  
 22 essary to ensure the timely dissemination of Government  
 23 publications to the public and to expand and improve the  
 24 maintenance of permanent public access to Government  
 25 publications. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,

1 Government publications of the executive, legislative, and  
2 judicial branches shall be made available at no charge to  
3 Federal publications access libraries.

4 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
5 Access Programs shall certify on every contract for the  
6 production or procurement of any Government publica-  
7 tions entered into by an agency—

8 “(1) the number of additional copies required  
9 by the Superintendent of Government Publications  
10 Access Programs for its program; or

11 “(2) the terms and conditions, if any, for ac-  
12 cessing Government publications required by the Su-  
13 perintendent of Government Publications Access  
14 Programs for its program.

15 “(c) For on-line, fee-based services, the Superintend-  
16 ent of Government Publications Access Programs shall ne-  
17 gotiate terms and conditions for access by the Federal  
18 publications access programs based upon the incremental  
19 cost of providing access to the Federal publications access  
20 libraries. The Superintendent of Government Publications  
21 Access Programs shall procure such access to ensure that  
22 the information needs of the user community are met at  
23 no charge to the Federal publications access libraries.

24 “(d)(1) The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
25 tions Access Programs shall provide selection, cataloging,

1 classification, locator, and indexing services for all Govern-  
2 ment publications from the executive, legislative, and judi-  
3 cial branches. Services under this paragraph may be pro-  
4 vided by the Superintendent of Government Publications  
5 Access Programs through cooperative agreements with  
6 Government agencies, or Federal publications access li-  
7 braries.

8       “(2) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
9 Access Programs shall create, maintain, and make avail-  
10 able a comprehensive and timely catalog of Government  
11 publications, regardless of form or format, that shall be  
12 accessible to the Federal publications access libraries and  
13 the public.

14       “(3) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
15 Access Programs shall create, maintain, and make avail-  
16 able a locator, in accordance with chapter 41, of all Gov-  
17 ernment publications. Such locator service shall identify,  
18 describe, and link users to Government publications avail-  
19 able through Government electronic communications sys-  
20 tems or accessible through public telecommunications net-  
21 works.

22       “(4) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
23 Access Programs shall consult with the Director of the Of-  
24 fice of Management and Budget, the Committee on Rules  
25 and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on

1 House Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Ad-  
2 ministrative Office of the United States Courts, and other  
3 agencies and offices to coordinate implementation of the  
4 requirements of section 3511, with locator services re-  
5 quired under this section.

6 “(5) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
7 Access Programs shall create, maintain, and make avail-  
8 able a current, categorized list of Government publica-  
9 tions, including annotations of contents and item identi-  
10 fication numbers, to facilitate the selection of, or access  
11 to those publications required by Federal publications ac-  
12 cess libraries.

13 “(6) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
14 Access Programs shall prepare and produce a consolidated  
15 index of congressional documents and shall index single  
16 volumes of documents as the Committee on Rules and Ad-  
17 ministration of the Senate and the Committee on House  
18 Oversight of the House of Representatives direct.

19 “(e)(1) The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
20 tions Access Programs shall adopt such regulations, in ac-  
21 cordance with section 1903(c), as are necessary to imple-  
22 ment the requirements of this chapter. Such regulations  
23 shall include procedures for implementing this section and  
24 sections 1905, 1906, 1907, and 1911 to require the avail-  
25 ability of Government publications, regardless of form or

1 format, to the public through the programs of the Super-  
2 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs.  
3 Such regulations shall reflect the needs of the user com-  
4 munity and provide access to Government publications at  
5 no charge to the Federal publications access libraries.

6 “(2) Government publications made available by the  
7 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
8 grams may be chosen or accessed by Federal publications  
9 access libraries according to regulations and guidelines  
10 issued by the Superintendent of Government Publication  
11 Access Programs for such purposes.

12 “(3) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
13 Access Programs shall coordinate with the Committee on  
14 Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Commit-  
15 tee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives,  
16 the Office of Management and Budget, and the Adminis-  
17 trative Office of the United States Courts for the develop-  
18 ment and establishment of uniform policies and proce-  
19 dures relating to the dissemination of Government publi-  
20 cations, including policies and procedures for ensuring au-  
21 thenticity, and of guidelines to facilitate permanent public  
22 access to and use of Government publications.

23 “(f) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
24 Access Programs shall develop procedures, guidelines, and

1 regulations under this section consistent with sections  
 2 1903(c) and 1907(f).

3       “(g) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 4 Access Programs shall, after informing the Committee on  
 5 Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Commit-  
 6 tee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives,  
 7 promulgate, through notice and comment, appropriate  
 8 regulations governing the qualifications, process for selec-  
 9 tion, periodic inspection, collection maintenance, termi-  
 10 nation, and total number of Federal publications access  
 11 libraries in accordance with sections 1903(c) and 1908.

12 **“§ 1905. Access to Government publications through**  
 13 **the Superintendent of Government Publi-**  
 14 **cations Access Programs: agency respon-**  
 15 **sibilities and authorities**

16       “(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each  
 17 agency head of the executive branch, the Administrative  
 18 Office of the Courts, on behalf of the judicial branch, and  
 19 the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate  
 20 and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of  
 21 Representatives, respectively, for each House of Congress,  
 22 shall take such action as is necessary to ensure that all  
 23 Government publications produced or procured for produc-  
 24 tion by the agency are made available to the Superintend-  
 25 ent of Government Publications Access Programs, as re-



1 quired by this chapter, for dissemination to the public  
2 through the Federal Publications Access Programs, at no  
3 charge to Federal publications access libraries.

4 “(b)(1) Each agency shall immediately notify the Su-  
5 perintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
6 grams of the intent of the agency to produce or procure,  
7 substantially modify, or terminate the production of a  
8 Government publication, regardless of form or format, so  
9 that the Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
10 cess Programs may have access to Government publica-  
11 tions created for or transmitted through electronic com-  
12 munications systems or networks, or to order Government  
13 publications at the incremental rate for the Federal publi-  
14 cations access program.

15 “(2) Agencies intending to eliminate printed copies  
16 of Government publications and provide only electronic ac-  
17 cess to those publications, shall notify the Superintendent  
18 of Government Publications Access Programs at least 60  
19 days in advance.

20 “(3) Any contract for the printing or procurement of  
21 any Government publication entered into by an agency  
22 shall contain a provision that—

23 “(A) certifies that the head of the agency, in  
24 the executive branch, or the Director of the Adminis-  
25 trative Office of the United States Courts, in the ju-

1        dicial branch, has given proper notification as pre-  
2        scribed in this section to the Superintendent of Gov-  
3        ernment Publications Access Programs before the  
4        awarding of the contract; and

5            “(B) includes—

6                    “(i) the number of additional copies re-  
7                    quired by the Superintendent of Government  
8                    Publications Access Programs for its program;  
9                    or

10                   “(ii) any terms and conditions for access-  
11                   ing Government publications required by the  
12                   Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
13                   cess Programs for its program.

14        “(4) Such certification shall require that the procur-  
15        ing official shall ensure before production that each con-  
16        tract for the procurement of Government publications con-  
17        tains verification of the notice to the Superintendent of  
18        Government Publications Access Programs required by  
19        this title.

20        “(c) Upon request of the Superintendent of Govern-  
21        ment Publications Access Programs, agencies shall  
22        promptly provide the Superintendent of Government Pub-  
23        lications Access Programs with copies of, or access to,  
24        electronic files of any Government publication to which  
25        this section applies for purposes of—

1           “(1) producing appropriate format material for  
2           the Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
3           cess Programs; and

4           “(2) providing permanent public access, in ac-  
5           cordance with section 1907, to Government publica-  
6           tions created for or transmitted through an elec-  
7           tronic communications system or network under this  
8           section.

9           “(d)(1) No agency may delegate or contract for the  
10          creation, storage, reproduction, or dissemination of a Gov-  
11          ernment publication, regardless of form or format, without  
12          providing in advance for the full content of that informa-  
13          tion to be made available to the Superintendent of Govern-  
14          ment Publications Access Programs, including the Federal  
15          publications access library program.

16          “(2) Each agency shall assure and provide permanent  
17          public access to Government publications created for or  
18          transmitted through an electronic communications system  
19          or network until a system for permanent public access to  
20          Government publications created for or transmitted  
21          through an electronic communications system or network  
22          is established by the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
23          cations Access Programs, in accordance with section 1907.

24          “(e) Each agency shall provide the Superintendent of  
25          Government Publications Access Programs with a copy of,

1 or access to any Government publication, created on or  
 2 after the date of enactment of the Government Publica-  
 3 tions Reform Act of 1998, regardless of form or format,  
 4 to enable the Superintendent of Government Publications  
 5 Access Programs to perform mandated cataloging, locator,  
 6 and indexing services, as provided by this section.

7 “(f) When an agency makes a publication available  
 8 only as a Government database accessible on an electronic  
 9 communications system or network, the agency shall fur-  
 10 nish information about and access to that publication to  
 11 the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
 12 Programs immediately for purposes of providing locator  
 13 services only.

14 **“§ 1906. Access to Government publications through**  
 15 **the Superintendent of Government Publi-**  
 16 **cations Access Programs: compliance and**  
 17 **enforcement: executive branch**

18 “(a)(1) All Government publications, regardless of  
 19 form or format, of the executive branch, as provided by  
 20 this title, shall be made available at no charge to the Fed-  
 21 eral publications access libraries. The Superintendent of  
 22 Government Publications Access Programs shall use any  
 23 measures the Superintendent of Government Publications  
 24 Access Programs considers necessary for the economical  
 25 and practical implementation of this chapter to ensure the

1 timely dissemination of Government publications to the  
2 public and to expand and improve the maintenance of per-  
3 manent public access to Government publications, as pro-  
4 vided by this chapter.

5 “(2)(A) Upon a determination by the Superintendent  
6 of Government Publications Access Programs that an  
7 agency has not complied with the requirements of this  
8 chapter, the Superintendent shall notify the Adminis-  
9 trator.

10 “(B) If the Superintendent determines that a Gov-  
11 ernment publication of an agency has not been made avail-  
12 able to the Federal publications access libraries as pro-  
13 vided by this chapter, the Superintendent shall—

14 “(i) use whatever measures are necessary to  
15 bring the agency into compliance and secure access  
16 to the Government publication; and

17 “(ii) certify to the Administrator the costs asso-  
18 ciated with securing such access.

19 “(3) Upon the issuance of a final determination by  
20 the Superintendent that an agency has not complied with  
21 the provisions of this chapter, the Administrator shall cer-  
22 tify to the agency and the Department of the Treasury  
23 the costs determined in accordance with subsection (a)(2).  
24 The Superintendent shall prepare a voucher for reim-  
25 bursement of the certified costs.

1       “(4) The Department of the Treasury shall cause to  
2 be established a designated budget account for each agen-  
3 cy that intends to produce, procure, or enter into a con-  
4 tract to produce or procure a Government publication  
5 from which, upon certification of noncompliance and asso-  
6 ciated costs in accordance with subsection (a)(2), the Sec-  
7 retary of the Treasury shall transfer funds, upon presen-  
8 tation of a voucher from the Superintendent of Govern-  
9 ment Publications Access Programs, to the Revolving  
10 Fund of the Government Publications Office, for reim-  
11 bursement to the programs of the Superintendent.

12       “(5) A final determination of noncompliance by the  
13 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
14 grams under this subsection shall be deemed to be a deter-  
15 mination of noncompliance with section 501.

16       “(b)(1) Each agency of the executive branch shall use  
17 the Government Publications Office as the agent of such  
18 agency for the production or the procurement of produc-  
19 tion of Government publications in accordance with sec-  
20 tion 501. No agency may produce, procure, or enter into  
21 a contract for the production or procurement of any Gov-  
22 ernment publication, regardless of form or format, unless  
23 such agency is in compliance with the requirements of this  
24 chapter.

1       “(2) Upon a determination by the Superintendent of  
2 Government Publications Production and Procurement  
3 Services that an agency has not complied with the require-  
4 ments of section 501, the Superintendent shall notify the  
5 Administrator. The Administrator shall certify to the  
6 agency and the Office of Management and Budget that  
7 the agency is not in compliance and shall suspend any del-  
8 egation of authority provided under section 501(b).

9       “(3) Upon a final determination of noncompliance,  
10 the Administrator shall withhold any delegation of author-  
11 ity to the agency for a period of 24 months and shall im-  
12 mediately revoke any delegation of authority which has  
13 been granted to the agency under section 501(b).

14       “(4) If an agency which has been determined to be  
15 in noncompliance with section 501 is also determined to  
16 be in noncompliance with the requirements of this chapter  
17 under subsection (a), the Administrator shall withhold any  
18 delegation of authority for an additional period of 36  
19 months.

20       “(c) Determinations made under this section may be  
21 reviewed by the Administrator. A determination of the Su-  
22 perintendent of Publications Production and Procurement  
23 Services and a determination by the Superintendent of  
24 Government Publications Access Programs shall become

1 final unless overturned or revised by the Administrator  
2 within 20 days after the determination.

3 “(d) A final determination under this section shall  
4 not be subject to judicial review.

5 **“§ 1906a. Access to Government publications through**  
6 **the Superintendent of Government Publi-**  
7 **cations Access Programs: compliance and**  
8 **enforcement: legislative branch**

9 “(a)(1) All Government publications, regardless of  
10 form or format, of the legislative branch shall be made  
11 available at no cost to the Federal publications access li-  
12 braries.

13 “(2) In the case of Senate publications, the Secretary  
14 of the Senate, under the direction of the Committee on  
15 Rules and Administration of the Senate, and in the case  
16 of House publications, the Clerk of the House of Rep-  
17 resentatives, under the direction of the Committee on  
18 House Oversight of the House of Representatives, shall  
19 use whatever measures are necessary to ensure the timely  
20 dissemination of Government publications of the respective  
21 Houses to the public and to expand and improve the main-  
22 tenance of permanent public access to Government publi-  
23 cations under this chapter.

24 “(3) In the case of congressional publications, the  
25 Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and



1 the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Rep-  
2 resentatives, acting jointly, shall use whatever measures  
3 are necessary to ensure the timely dissemination of Gov-  
4 ernment publications of Congress and to expand and im-  
5 prove the maintenance of permanent public access to Gov-  
6 ernment publications of Congress under this chapter.

7 “(b)(1) If the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
8 tion of the Senate determines that this section has not  
9 been complied with, the Committee on Rules and Adminis-  
10 tration shall direct the Secretary of the Senate to bring  
11 the Senate into compliance.

12 “(2) Upon approval by the Committee on Rules and  
13 Administration of the Senate of a voucher submitted by  
14 the Secretary of the Senate, the contingent fund of the  
15 Senate shall be charged for the costs incurred by the Sec-  
16 retary of the Senate to bring the Senate into compliance  
17 under this subsection.

18 “(c)(1) If the Committee on House Oversight of the  
19 House of Representatives determines that this section has  
20 not been complied with, the Committee on House Over-  
21 sight of the House of Representatives shall direct the  
22 Clerk of the House of Representatives to bring the House  
23 of Representatives into compliance.

1       “(2) Upon appropriate authorization, the costs in-  
2       curred by the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall  
3       be charged to the appropriate account.

4       “(d)(1) If the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
5       tion of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight  
6       of the House of Representatives, acting jointly, determine  
7       that the provisions of this section regarding congressional  
8       publications have not been complied with, the Committee  
9       on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Com-  
10       mittee on House Oversight of the House of Representa-  
11       tives, acting jointly, shall authorize the Superintendent of  
12       Government Publications Access Programs to take specific  
13       action to bring Congress into compliance with this section.

14       “(2) Upon approval by the Committee on Rules and  
15       Administration of the Senate and the Committee on  
16       House Oversight of the House of Representatives, acting  
17       jointly, of a voucher submitted by the Superintendent of  
18       Government Publications Access Programs, the Congres-  
19       sional Printing and Binding Appropriation shall be  
20       charged for the costs incurred by the Superintendent of  
21       Government Publications Access Programs, as authorized  
22       by this section.

1 **“§ 1906b. Access to Government publications through**  
2 **the Superintendent of Government Publi-**  
3 **cations Access Programs: compliance and**  
4 **enforcement: judicial branch**

5 “(a)(1) All Government publications, regardless of  
6 form or format, of the judicial branch, including our court  
7 opinions, shall be made available at no charge to the Fed-  
8 eral publications access libraries.

9 “(2) The Director of the Administrative Office of the  
10 United States Courts, shall use whatever measures are  
11 necessary to ensure the timely dissemination of Govern-  
12 ment publications of judicial branch agencies and the  
13 courts to the public and to expand and improve the main-  
14 tenance of permanent public access to Government publi-  
15 cations of judicial branch agencies and the courts under  
16 this chapter.

17 “(b) In the event of noncompliance with the require-  
18 ments of this title, the Director of the Administrative Of-  
19 fice of the United States Courts, in consultation with the  
20 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
21 grams, shall establish a means to bring the judicial branch  
22 into compliance with this chapter.

1 **“§ 1907. Permanent Public Access to Government**  
2 **publications**

3 “(a) In this section, the term ‘permanent public ac-  
4 cess’ means that a Government publication within the  
5 scope of the Federal publications access program shall—

6 “(1) remain available for current, continuous,  
7 and future public access; and

8 “(2) be made available at no fee to the public.

9 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
10 Access Programs shall establish a system of permanent  
11 public access to Government publications, for publications  
12 other than those publications identified in subsection (c),  
13 in accordance with requirements of section 1909(c).

14 “(c) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
15 Access Programs shall establish a system of permanent  
16 public access to Government publications created for or  
17 transmitted through an electronic communications system  
18 or network.

19 “(d)(1) The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
20 tions Access Programs shall establish a committee to make  
21 recommendations on the components of a distributive sys-  
22 tem for permanent public access and the strategy for  
23 achieving such system and access.

24 “(2) The committee established under paragraph (1)  
25 shall include representatives of—

1           “(A) the Committee on Rules and Administra-  
2           tion of the Senate;

3           “(B) the Committee on House Oversight of the  
4           House of Representatives;

5           “(C) the National Archives and Records Admin-  
6           istration;

7           “(D) the Office of Management and Budget;

8           “(E) the Administrative Office of the United  
9           States Courts;

10          “(F) the Library of Congress and other na-  
11          tional libraries;

12          “(G) regional and other Federal publications  
13          access libraries;

14          “(H) the Federal publications access library  
15          council;

16          “(I) the information, computer software, and  
17          printing industries;

18          “(J) the AFL–CIO; and

19          “(K) other entities as appropriate.

20          “(e) The Committee established under subsection (c)  
21          shall—

22                 “(1) not later than 24 months after the effec-  
23                 tive date of the Government Publications Reform  
24                 Act of 1998, provide recommendations to the Super-  
25                 intendent of Government Publications Access Pro-

1       grams for necessary statutory and regulatory  
2       changes to implement a system to provide perma-  
3       nent public access to Government publications cre-  
4       ated for or transmitted through an electronic com-  
5       munications system or network;

6               “(2) periodically review developments in public  
7       access to Government publications created for or  
8       transmitted through an electronic communications  
9       system or network, and make recommendations for  
10      further action by the Superintendent of Government  
11      Publications Access Programs and the Congress as  
12      necessary;

13              “(3) propose regulations to the Superintendent  
14      of Government Publications Access Programs to be  
15      promulgated under section 1904 by the Superintend-  
16      ent as appropriate, necessary to implement perma-  
17      nent public access to Government publications;

18              “(4) identify criteria for Government publica-  
19      tions created for or transmitted through an elec-  
20      tronic communications system or network that war-  
21      rant permanent accessibility; and

22              “(5) establish certifying criteria to accompany  
23      Government publications created for or transmitted  
24      through an electronic communications system or net-

1 work to ensure that such publications are official  
2 versions.

3 “(f) The system of permanent public access to Gov-  
4 ernment publications created for or transmitted through  
5 an electronic communications system or network estab-  
6 lished under this section shall include a distributive system  
7 that provides for adequate redundancy and requires offi-  
8 cial and contractual agreements among participating enti-  
9 ties. The Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
10 cess Programs shall retain final responsibility for perma-  
11 nent public access to Government publications created for  
12 or transmitted through an electronic communications sys-  
13 tem or network and for ensuring that the system is oper-  
14 ated in accordance with this section.

15 “(g)(1) Until the system of permanent public access  
16 under this section is established, each agency shall provide  
17 permanent public access to the Government publications  
18 it creates for or transmits through an electronic commu-  
19 nications system or network.

20 “(2) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
21 Access Programs shall be responsible for developing, in  
22 consultation with Congress, the Office of Management and  
23 Budget, and the Administrative Office of the United  
24 States Courts, procedures and guidelines for permanent  
25 public access to Government publications created for or

1 transmitted through an electronic communications system  
 2 or network for purposes of paragraph (1).

3 “(3) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 4 Access Programs shall offer to agencies, on a cost-recovery  
 5 basis, services for providing permanent public access to  
 6 the Government publications created for or transmitted  
 7 through an electronic communications system or network.

8 “(h) Until such time as the bound permanent Con-  
 9 gressional Record and the bound United States Congres-  
 10 sional serial set are created for or transmitted through an  
 11 electronic communications system or network, such  
 12 Record and set shall remain available in a bound, printed  
 13 format for those Federal publications access libraries  
 14 which have chosen to receive such Record and set.

15 **“§ 1908. Designation of Federal publications access li-**  
 16 **braries**

17 “(a) Subject to subsection (e), Federal publications  
 18 access libraries shall be designated by certain elected offi-  
 19 cials as follows:

20 “(1) Each Senator may designate up to 2 li-  
 21 braries within the State represented.

22 “(2) Each Representative may designate up to  
 23 2 libraries within the district represented.

24 “(3) The Resident Commissioner may designate  
 25 up to 2 libraries within Puerto Rico.



1           “(4) The Mayor of the District of Columbia  
2           may designate up to 2 Federal publications access li-  
3           braries in the District of Columbia.

4           “(5) The Governor of Guam, the Governor of  
5           the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,  
6           and the Governor of American Samoa may each des-  
7           ignate 1 Federal publications access library in each  
8           area represented.

9           “(6) The Governor of the Virgin Islands may  
10          designate 1 Federal publications access library on  
11          the Island of Saint Thomas and 1 on the Island of  
12          Saint Croix.

13          “(b) Upon request of the institution, the following  
14          shall be designated by the Superintendent of Government  
15          Publications Access Programs as Federal publications ac-  
16          cess libraries:

17               “(1) Land grant colleges.

18               “(2) State libraries.

19               “(3) The library of the highest State appellate  
20          court in each State.

21               “(4) The library of any law school accredited by  
22          a nationally recognized accrediting agency or asso-  
23          ciation, or accredited by the highest appellate court  
24          of the State in which the law school is located.

1           “(5) The libraries of the executive departments,  
2           the United States Military Academy, the United  
3           States Naval Academy, the United States Air Force  
4           Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy,  
5           and the United States Merchant Marine Academy.

6           “(c)(1) A Federal publications access library within  
7           each independent agency may be designated by the Super-  
8           intendent of Government Publications Access Programs  
9           upon certification of need by the head of the agency to  
10          the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
11          Programs.

12          “(2) Additional Federal publications access libraries  
13          within executive departments and independent agencies  
14          may be designated by the Superintendent of Government  
15          Publications Access Programs upon certification of justifi-  
16          able need by the head of the agency.

17          “(d) Before any additional or replacement Federal  
18          publications access library is designated, the head of the  
19          library shall furnish the appointing authority justification  
20          of the necessity for such designation. The justification  
21          shall be approved by the head of the library authority of  
22          the State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth  
23          of Puerto Rico, within which the proposed Federal publi-  
24          cations access library is to be located, or signed by the  
25          head of each existing Federal publications access library

1 within the congressional district, the State, the District  
2 of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

3 “(e) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
4 Access Programs may designate as a Federal publications  
5 access library, upon recommendation of a Senator or Rep-  
6 resentative representing the area, any library serving an  
7 underserved area.

8 “(f) Notwithstanding the limitations on numbers of  
9 Federal publications access libraries that may be des-  
10 ignated under this section, each library that is designated  
11 as a Federal Depository Library as of the effective date  
12 of the Government Publications Reform Act of 1998 shall  
13 be a Federal publications access library as of that date.

14 “(g) A library may be designated under this section  
15 as a Federal publications access library only if it is able  
16 properly to maintain and provide public access to Govern-  
17 ment publications, regardless of form or format.

18 **“§ 1909. Regional Federal publications access librar-**  
19 **ies**

20 “(a)(1) Not more than 2 Federal publications access  
21 libraries, including any group of Federal publications ac-  
22 cess libraries with a cooperative agreement, in each State  
23 or service area and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and  
24 the District of Columbia—

1           “(A) may be designated as regional Federal  
2       publications access libraries; and

3           “(B) shall receive from the Superintendent of  
4       Government Publications Access Programs copies of  
5       or access to all new and revised Government publica-  
6       tions authorized for dissemination to Federal publi-  
7       cations access libraries.

8           “(2) A cooperative group of libraries that includes li-  
9       braries in more than 1 State may be designated under this  
10      section.

11          “(b)(1) Designation of regional Federal publications  
12      access libraries may be made by a Senator or the Resident  
13      Commissioner from Puerto Rico or the Mayor of the Dis-  
14      trict of Columbia with the areas represented by them,  
15      after consultation with the head of the library authority  
16      of the State or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or the  
17      District of Columbia, as the case may be, who shall first  
18      ascertain from the head of the library, or cooperative  
19      group of libraries, to be so designated that the library will  
20      fulfill the requirements of a regional Federal publications  
21      access library.

22          “(2) The agreement to function as a regional Federal  
23      public access information library shall be transmitted to  
24      the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
25      Programs by the Senator or the Resident Commissioner

1 from Puerto Rico or the Mayor of the District of Columbia  
2 when the designation is made.

3 “(c)(1) Regional Federal publications access libraries  
4 shall—

5 “(A) permanently maintain for public use at  
6 least 1 copy of all Government publications not cre-  
7 ated for or transmitted through an electronic com-  
8 munications system or network, except those author-  
9 ized to be discarded by the Superintendent of Gov-  
10 ernment Publications Access Programs; or

11 “(B) coordinate with other Federal publications  
12 access libraries in the applicable service area to en-  
13 sure that such service is provided by a Federal pub-  
14 lications access library in the area.

15 “(2) Within the region served, a regional Federal  
16 publications access library shall provide or coordinate the  
17 provision of all program-related activities in the service  
18 area, including interlibrary loans and reference services.

19 **“§ 1910. Federal publications access libraries: respon-**  
20 **sibilities**

21 “(a) Federal publications access libraries shall make  
22 Government publications received or accessed through the  
23 Federal publications access program available for the use  
24 of the public at no fee.

1       “(b) All Government publications not created for or  
2 transmitted through an electronic communications system  
3 or network received by Federal publications access librar-  
4 ies remain the property of the United States Government.  
5 Federal publications access libraries may dispose of Gov-  
6 ernment publications only as authorized by the Super-  
7 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs.

8       “(c) Federal publications access libraries shall oper-  
9 ate in accord with regulations promulgated under section  
10 1904.

11 **“§ 1911. Federal publications access libraries council**

12       “(a) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
13 Access Programs shall establish a permanent Federal  
14 Publications Access Library Council (in this section re-  
15 ferred to as the ‘Council’).

16       “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
17 Access Programs shall—

18               “(1) determine the composition of the Council  
19 and the duration of terms of the members; and

20               “(2) publish the membership of the Council an-  
21 nually in the Federal Register.

22       “(c) The Council’s members shall be representative  
23 of the various classes of libraries which comprise the Fed-  
24 eral publications access library program and others.

1       “(d) Appointment to the Council shall be made with-  
2 out regard to political affiliation.

3       “(e) The Council shall advise the Superintendent of  
4 Government Publications Access Programs on—

5               “(1) appropriate items and preferred formats  
6 for inclusion in the program under this chapter;

7               “(2) Government publications that—

8                       “(A) are not included in the program; and

9                       “(B) the Council recommends for inclusion  
10 in the program; and

11               “(3) such other policy matters as the Super-  
12 intendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
13 grams may request.

14       “(f) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
15 Access Programs may establish other advisory committees  
16 consisting of representatives of Federal publications ac-  
17 cess libraries, agencies, and users of Government publica-  
18 tions. Such advisory committees shall be established as the  
19 Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
20 grams determines appropriate.

21       “(g)(1) All meetings of the Council and those of any  
22 other advisory committee established by the Superintend-  
23 ent of Government Publications Access Programs shall be  
24 open to the public, except when the Superintendent of  
25 Government Publications Access Programs determines

1 that the meeting or any portion of the meeting shall be  
2 closed to the public consistent with the provisions of sec-  
3 tion 552(b) of title 5, and only after a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Coun-  
4 cil.

5 “(2) All meetings of the Council and those of any  
6 other advisory committee established by the Superintend-  
7 ent of Government Publications Access Programs shall be  
8 preceded by timely public notice in the Federal Register  
9 of the time, place, and subject of the meeting.

10 “(3) Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and shall  
11 contain a record of the people present and a description  
12 of the discussion that occurred. The minutes and records  
13 of all such meetings and other documents that were made  
14 available to or prepared for the Council or any other advi-  
15 sory council established by the Superintendent of Govern-  
16 ment Publications Access Programs shall be made publicly  
17 accessible unless the Superintendent of Government Publi-  
18 cations Access Programs determines that a record or any  
19 portion of such record, shall not be publicly disclosed, con-  
20 sistent with the provisions of section 552(b) of title 5, and  
21 only after a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of the Council.”.

22 (d) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30  
23 months after the effective date of this Act, the Super-  
24 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs  
25 shall submit a report to the Committee on Rules and Ad-



1 ministration of the Senate and the Committee on House  
2 Oversight of the House of Representatives on—

3           (1) the status of the Federal publications access  
4       program established under chapter 19 of title 44,  
5       United States Code;

6           (2) the expected developments in the program,  
7       including recommendations for necessary statutory  
8       and subsequent regulatory changes to implement a  
9       system to provide continuous and permanent access  
10      to Government publications created for or transmit-  
11      ted through an electronic communications system or  
12      network; and

13          (3) specific recommendations for legislative pro-  
14      posals, as appropriate.

15      (e) TRANSFER.—All duties, authorities, responsibil-  
16   ities, and functions of the Superintendent of Documents  
17   of the Government Printing Office on the day before the  
18   effective date of this title shall be performed by the Super-  
19   intendent of Government Publications Access Programs  
20   on and after such date.

21      (f) REFERENCES.—References in any other Federal  
22   law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of au-  
23   thority, or any document of or relating to—

1           (1) the Superintendent of Documents shall be  
2       deemed to refer to the Superintendent of Govern-  
3       ment Publications Access Programs; and

4           (2) the Office of the Superintendent of Docu-  
5       ments shall be deemed to refer to the Office of the  
6       Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
7       Programs.

8       (g) TRANSITION.—

9           (1) INCUMBENT.—

10           IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph  
11       (B), the individual serving as the Superintend-  
12       ent of Documents of the Government Printing  
13       Office on the effective date of this title may  
14       serve as Acting Superintendent of Government  
15       Publications Access Programs of the Govern-  
16       ment Publications Office until the President ap-  
17       points a Superintendent of Government Publi-  
18       cations Access Programs under paragraph (2).

19           (2) APPOINTMENT.—Not later than 180 days  
20       after the effective date of this title, the President  
21       shall appoint a Superintendent of Government Publi-  
22       cations Access Programs of the Government Publica-  
23       tions Office in accordance with section 1903 of title  
24       44, United States Code (as amended by this Act).

1           (3) ASSETS AND PROPERTY.—Assets and real  
2       property under the control of, in use by, or assigned  
3       to the Superintendent of Documents by the Public  
4       Printer on the day before the effective date of this  
5       Act shall be under the control of the Acting Super-  
6       intendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
7       grams on the effective date of this Act for the use  
8       of the Acting Superintendent of Government Publi-  
9       cations Access Programs thereafter for purposes of  
10      implementing this Act.

11          (4) PERSONNEL.—Personnel under the super-  
12      vision of or assigned to the Superintendent of Docu-  
13      ments by the Public Printer on the day before the  
14      effective date of this Act shall be under the super-  
15      vision or assigned to the Acting Superintendent of  
16      Government Publications Access Programs on the  
17      effective date of this Act for purposes of implement-  
18      ing this Act.

19          (h) CONTINUATION OF FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LI-  
20      BRARIES AS FEDERAL PUBLICATIONS ACCESS LIBRAR-  
21      IES.—The regulations relating to Federal publications ac-  
22      cess libraries promulgated under section 1904(e) of title  
23      44, United States Code (as amended by subsection (a) of  
24      this section) shall incorporate all relevant provisions of  
25      regulations relating to Federal depository libraries under

1 sections 1905, 1906, 1907, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1915, and  
 2 1916 of title 44, United States Code (as in effect before  
 3 the effective date of this Act).

4 (i) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 5 The table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
 6 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 19  
 7 and inserting the following:

**“19. Federal Publications Access Programs ..... 1901”.**

8 **SEC. 403. DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF GOVERNMENT PUB-**  
 9 **LICATIONS BY SUPERINTENDENT OF GOV-**  
 10 **ERNMENT PUBLICATIONS ACCESS PRO-**  
 11 **GRAMS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 44, United  
 13 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 **“CHAPTER 17—DISTRIBUTION AND SALE**  
 15 **OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS**

“Sec.

“1701. Publications for public distribution to be distributed by the Superintend-  
 ent of Government Publications Access Programs; mailing lists.

“1702. Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs; sale of  
 Government publications.

“1703. Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs: assistants,  
 blanks, printing, and binding.

“1704. Payment of costs.

“1705. Additional copies for sale to the public.

“1706. Production and sale of extra copies of Government publications.

“1707. Reproducing Government publications required for sale.

“1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; crediting of receipts; resale by  
 dealers; sales agents.

“1709. Blank forms: printing and sale to public.

“1710. Publications for use of the Superintendent of Publications Access Pro-  
 grams.

“1711. Publications for use of National Archives and Records Administration.

“1712. Publications for the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House  
 of Representatives.

“1713. Government publications for the Library of Congress.

“1714. Exchange of Government publications by heads of Federal agencies.

1 **“§ 1701. Publications for public distribution to be dis-**  
2 **tributed by the Superintendent of Gov-**  
3 **ernment Publications Access Programs;**  
4 **mailing lists**

5 “(a) Money appropriated by any Act may not be used  
6 for services in an executive department or other Govern-  
7 ment establishment at the District of Columbia, in the  
8 work of addressing, wrapping, mailing, or otherwise dis-  
9 patching a publication for public distribution, except  
10 maps, weather reports, and weather cards issued by them  
11 or for the purchase of material or supplies to be used in  
12 this work. The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
13 tions Access Programs shall perform this work at the Gov-  
14 ernment Publications Office. The head of an executive de-  
15 partment, independent office, and establishment of the  
16 Government at the District of Columbia, shall furnish  
17 from time to time to the Superintendent of Government  
18 Publications Access Programs mailing lists, in convenient  
19 form, and changes in them, or penalty mail slips, for use  
20 in the public distribution of publications issued by the de-  
21 partment or establishment. The Superintendent of Gov-  
22 ernment Publications Access Programs may furnish copies  
23 of a publication only in accordance with law or the instruc-

tion of the head of the department or establishment  
issuing the publication.

“(b) This section does not apply to orders, instructions, directions, notices, or circulars of information printed for and issued by an executive department or other Government establishment or to the distribution of public publications by Senators or Members of the House of Representatives or to the Senate Service Department, House of Representatives Publications Distribution Service, and document rooms of the Senate or House of Representatives.

**“§ 1702. Superintendent of Government Publications**

**Access Programs; sale of Government  
publications**

“(a)(1) If an officer of the Government having in his charge Government publications for sale desires to be relieved of the publications, the officer may—

“(A) turn the publications over to the Superintendent of Government Publications Access Programs, who shall receive and sell them under this section; or

“(B) dispose of such publications under section 306 or 314.

“(2) Moneys received from the sale of such Government publications shall be paid to the Superintendent of

1 Government Publications Access Programs, and placed in  
 2 the Revolving Fund of the Government Publications Office  
 3 and credited to the account of the Superintendent of Gov-  
 4 ernment Publications Access Programs.

5 “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 6 Access Programs shall have general supervision of a Gov-  
 7 ernment publications sales program which shall provide  
 8 Government publications to the public for purchase.

9 “(c) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 10 Access Programs shall report monthly to the Adminis-  
 11 trator the number of publications received by the Super-  
 12 intendent and the disposition made of them.

13 **“§ 1703. Superintendent of Government Publications**  
 14 **Access Programs: assistants, blanks,**  
 15 **printing, and binding**

16 “(a) The Administrator shall provide convenient of-  
 17 fice space, storage, and distributing rooms for the Super-  
 18 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs.  
 19 The Superintendent of Government Production and Pro-  
 20 curement Services, upon requisition by the Superintendent  
 21 of Government Publications Access Programs, shall do the  
 22 printing and binding required by the office in accordance  
 23 with section 1107.

1   **“§ 1704. Payment of costs**

2           “(a) Employees in the Office of the Superintendent  
3 of Government Publications Access Programs may be paid  
4 for night, Sunday, holiday, and overtime work at rates not  
5 in excess of the rates of additional pay for this work al-  
6 lowed other employees of the Government Publications Of-  
7 fice under section 303.

8           “(b) The costs of printing and related services in-  
9 curred by the Superintendent of Government Publications  
10 Access Programs under this chapter for work performed  
11 by the Superintendent of Government Production and  
12 Procurement Services shall be paid by the Superintendent  
13 of Government Publications Access Programs from ac-  
14 counts under the Superintendent’s authority within the  
15 Revolving Fund of the Government Publications Office.

16           “(c) The Administrator shall transfer funds from the  
17 account of the Superintendent of Government Publications  
18 Access Programs to the account of the Superintendent of  
19 Government Production and Procurement Services, upon  
20 a voucher prepared by the Superintendent of Government  
21 Production and Procurement Services and approved by  
22 the Superintendent of Government Publications Access  
23 Programs.

24   **“§ 1705. Additional copies for sale to the public**

25           “Upon requisition by the Superintendent of Govern-  
26 ment Publications Access Programs, the Superintendent



1 of Government Production and Procurement Services shall  
 2 produce additional copies of a Government publication, not  
 3 confidential in character, required for sale to the public,  
 4 as determined by the Superintendent of Government Pub-  
 5 lications Access Programs. The cost of such production  
 6 shall be determined in accordance with section 1107. Such  
 7 production shall not interfere with the prompt execution  
 8 of publications production for the executive, legislative, or  
 9 judicial branches of Government.

10 **“§ 1706. Production and sale of extra copies of Gov-**  
 11 **ernment publications**

12 “The Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
 13 cess Programs may furnish to private nongovernmental  
 14 applicants giving notice before a publication is produced,  
 15 such copies of the requested Government publication as  
 16 the applicant requests. The applicant shall pay in advance  
 17 the price of the requested Government publication as de-  
 18 termined by the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
 19 tions Access Programs. The production of such copies for  
 20 private nongovernmental parties may not interfere with  
 21 the production for the Government.

22 **“§ 1707. Reproducing Government publications re-**  
 23 **quired for sale**

24 “The Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
 25 cess Programs may order reproduced, from time to time,

1 Government publications required for sale, subject to the  
 2 approval of the head of the department or agency in which  
 3 the Government publication originated. The Superintend-  
 4 ent of Government Production and Procurement Services  
 5 shall be reimbursed by the Superintendent of Government  
 6 Publications Access Programs for the cost of reproduction  
 7 from the moneys received from the sale of Government  
 8 publications. Such receipts shall be deposited in the Re-  
 9 volving Fund of the Government Publications Office to the  
 10 credit of the Superintendent of Government Production  
 11 and Procurement Services.

12 **“§ 1708. Prices for sales copies of publications; credit-**  
 13 **ing of receipts; resale by dealers; sales**  
 14 **agents**

15 “(a) To the greatest extent feasible, the Superintend-  
 16 ent of Government Publications Access Programs shall op-  
 17 erate the sales program of Government publications on a  
 18 self-sustaining basis. Sales prices for Government publica-  
 19 tions sold by the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
 20 tions Access Programs shall be established by the Super-  
 21 intendent of Government Publications Access Programs to  
 22 cover the cost of procurement or production, dissemina-  
 23 tion, and other appropriate costs, including the offering  
 24 of sales discounts and any costs associated with the sales  
 25 program.

1       “(b) The Superintendent of Government Publications  
 2 Access Programs may prescribe terms and conditions  
 3 under which the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
 4 tions Access Programs authorizes the resale of Govern-  
 5 ment publications by book dealers. The Superintendent of  
 6 Government Publications Access Programs may designate  
 7 any Government officer or any person who is not a Federal  
 8 employee as his agent for the sale of Government publica-  
 9 tions under terms and conditions agreed upon by the Su-  
 10 perintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
 11 grams and the head of the respective agency of the Gov-  
 12 ernment.

13 **“§ 1709. Blank forms: printing and sale to public**

14       “The Superintendent of Government Publications Ac-  
 15 cess Programs may have produced for sale to the public,  
 16 upon prepayment, additional copies of approved Govern-  
 17 ment blank forms.

18 **“§ 1710. Publications for use of the Superintendent of**

19 **Publications Access Programs**

20       “The Superintendent of Publications Access Pro-  
 21 grams may retain out of all publications, bills, and resolu-  
 22 tions printed the number of copies absolutely needful for  
 23 the official use of the Government Publications Office, not  
 24 exceeding 5 of each.

1 **“§ 1711. Publications for use of National Archives and**  
2 **Records Administration**

3 “(a) The National Archives and Records Administra-  
4 tion may purchase from the Government Publications Of-  
5 fice such Government publications as the Archivist of the  
6 United States determines necessary for use by the Archi-  
7 vist, including use by the Presidential Library established  
8 for the President during whose term the publications were  
9 issued.

10 “(b) Such purchases shall be made—

11 “(1) in accordance with section 1107; and

12 “(2) from funds appropriated to the National  
13 Archives and Records Administration for such pur-  
14 pose.

15 **“§ 1712. Publications for the Secretary of the Senate**  
16 **and the Clerk of the House of Represent-**  
17 **atives**

18 “(a) When printing not bearing a congressional num-  
19 ber, except confidential matters, blank forms, and circular  
20 letters not of a public character, is done for an agency  
21 of Government, or not of a confidential character, is done  
22 for use of congressional committees, 2 copies shall be sent  
23 by the Government Publications Office to the Senate and  
24 the House of Representatives libraries, respectively.

25 “(b) Such purchases shall be made—

26 “(1) in accordance with section 1107; and

1           “(2) from funds appropriated for congressional  
2           printing and binding under § 735, title 44, United  
3           States Code, as amended by this Act.

4   **“§ 1713. Government publications for the Library of**  
5           **Congress**

6           “(a) The Library of Congress shall purchase from the  
7   Superintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
8   grams such Government publications as the Librarian of  
9   Congress determines necessary for service to Congress, in-  
10  cluding the Congressional Research Service, maintenance  
11  of the library’s collection, and to fully carry into effect  
12  the convention concluded at Brussels on March 15, 1886,  
13  and proclaimed by the President of the United States on  
14  January 15, 1889, authorizing the Librarian of Congress  
15  to administer an international exchange program by pro-  
16  viding Government publications, including daily copies of  
17  the Congressional Record, for distribution to foreign gov-  
18  ernments which agree, as indicated by the Librarian of  
19  Congress, to send to the United States similar publications  
20  of their governments for delivery to the Library of Con-  
21  gress.

22           “(b) Such purchases shall be made—

23                   “(1) in accordance with section 1107; and

24                   “(2) from funds appropriated to the Library of  
25           Congress for such purposes.

1 **“§ 1714. Exchange of Government publications by**  
 2 **heads of agencies**

3 “The head of an agency may exchange surplus Gov-  
 4 ernment publications for other Government publications  
 5 required by the agency, if it is to the advantage of the  
 6 public service.”.

7 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—  
 8 The table of chapters for title 44, United States Code,  
 9 is amended by striking the item relating to chapter 17  
 10 and insert the following:

**“17. Distribution and Sale of Government Publications .... 1701”.**

11 **SEC. 404. TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RE-**  
 12 **LATING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF GOV-**  
 13 **ERNMENT PUBLICATIONS ACCESS PRO-**  
 14 **GRAMS.**

15 (a) CHAPTER 11.—Section 1108 of title 44, United  
 16 States Code, is amended by striking “Superintendent of  
 17 Documents” and inserting “Superintendent of Govern-  
 18 ment Publications Access Programs”.

19 (b) CHAPTER 41.—

20 (1) Section 4101 of title 44, United States  
 21 Code, is amended—

22 (A) by striking “Superintendent of Docu-  
 23 ments” each place it appears and inserting  
 24 “Superintendent of Government Publications  
 25 Access Programs”;

1 (B) by striking “, under the direction of  
2 the Public Printer; and”;

3 (C) in subsection (a)(1), by inserting be-  
4 fore the semicolon the following: “, for the exec-  
5 utive, legislative, and judicial branches of Gov-  
6 ernment”; and

7 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
8 subsection:

9 “(d) LOCATOR.—The electronic directory, or locator,  
10 authorized under section 3511 shall not replace, but shall  
11 be established in addition to, the locator established by  
12 this section. The Superintendent of Government Publica-  
13 tions Access Programs shall be the sole administrator of  
14 the Government locator established under this section and  
15 shall coordinate and integrate the services of the locator  
16 established under section 3511.”.

17 (2) Section 4102 of title 44, United States  
18 Code, repealed.

19 (3) The table of sections for chapter 41, United  
20 States Code, is amended by striking the item relat-  
21 ing to section 4102.

1 **TITLE V—ADMINISTRATIVE AND**  
2 **SAVINGS PROVISIONS**

3 **SEC. 501. CONTINUATION OF EMPLOYMENT TERMS AND**  
4 **CONDITIONS.**

5 Compensation, benefits, and other terms and condi-  
6 tions of employment in effect on the day before the effec-  
7 tive date of this Act, whether provided by statute, regula-  
8 tion, or agreement between employees and the Public  
9 Printer, shall continue to apply to officers and employees  
10 of the Government Printing Office until modified or termi-  
11 nated in accordance with law, including the provisions of  
12 this Act.

13 **SEC. 502. PROCEEDINGS NOT AFFECTED.**

14 The provisions of this Act shall not affect any pro-  
15 ceedings, including notices of proposed rulemaking, or any  
16 application for any license, permit, certificate, or financial  
17 assistance pending before the Government Printing Office  
18 at the time this Act takes effect, with respect to functions  
19 transferred by this Act but such proceedings and applica-  
20 tions shall be continued. Orders shall be issued in such  
21 proceedings, appeals shall be taken therefrom, and pay-  
22 ments shall be made pursuant to such orders, as if this  
23 Act had not been enacted, and orders issued in any such  
24 proceedings shall continue in effect until modified, termi-  
25 nated, superseded, or revoked by a duly authorized official,



1 by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by operation of  
2 law. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit  
3 the discontinuance or modification of any such proceeding  
4 under the same terms and conditions and to the same ex-  
5 tent that such proceeding could have been discontinued  
6 or modified if this Act had not been enacted.

7 **SEC. 503. SUITS NOT AFFECTED.**

8 The provisions of this Act shall not affect suits com-  
9 menced before the effective date of this Act, and in all  
10 such suits, proceedings shall be had, appeals taken, and  
11 judgments rendered in the same manner and with the  
12 same effect as if this Act had not been enacted.

13 **SEC. 504. NONABATEMENT OF ACTIONS.**

14 No suit, action, or other proceeding commenced by  
15 or against the Government Printing Office, or by or  
16 against any individual in the official capacity of such indi-  
17 vidual as an officer of the Government Printing Office,  
18 shall abate by reason of the enactment of this Act.

19 **SEC. 505. SEPARABILITY.**

20 If a provision of this Act or its application to any  
21 person or circumstance is held invalid, neither the remain-  
22 der of this Act nor the application of the provision to other  
23 persons or circumstances shall be affected.

1 **SEC. 506. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE**  
2 **JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

3 (1) Section 208 of title 1, United States Code, is  
4 amended—

5 (A) in the section heading by striking all after  
6 “**agencies**”; and

7 (B) by striking “Joint Committee on Printing”  
8 and inserting “Administrator of the Government  
9 Publications Office, in consultation with the Com-  
10 mittee on Rules and Administration of the Senate  
11 and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
12 House of Representatives”.

13 (2) The table of sections for chapter 3 of title 1,  
14 United States Code, is amended in the item relating to  
15 section 208 by striking all after “agencies” and inserting  
16 a period.

17 (3) Section 3 of the joint resolution of December 24,  
18 1970 (2 U.S.C. 168b) is amended by striking “Joint Com-  
19 mittee on Printing” and inserting “Committee on Rules  
20 and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on  
21 House Oversight of the House of Representatives”.

22 (4) Section 2(b)(1) of Public Law 94–386 (2 U.S.C.  
23 285b note; District of Columbia Code, section 49–102) is  
24 amended by striking “Public Printer” and “Public Printer  
25 (in consultation with the Joint Committee on Printing)”  
26 and inserting “Superintendent of Government Publica-

1 tions Production and Procurement Services (in consulta-  
2 tion with the Committee on Rules and Administration of  
3 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
4 House of Representatives)”).

5       (5) Section 312 of the Federal Water Power Act (16  
6 U.S.C. 825k) is amended by striking all beginning with  
7 “Joint Committee on Printing” in the fourth sentence  
8 through the end of the section and inserting “Adminis-  
9 trator of the Government Publications Office may pre-  
10 scribe”.

11       (6) Section 5(c) of the National Foundation on the  
12 Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 954(c))  
13 is amended by striking the sentence following paragraph  
14 (10).

15       (7) Section 7(c) of the National Foundation on the  
16 Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 956(c))  
17 is amended by striking the sentence following paragraph  
18 (10).

19       (8) Section 602(d) of the Federal Property and Ad-  
20 ministrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 474(d)(18))  
21 is amended by striking “Joint Committee on Printing”  
22 and inserting “Government Publications Office”.

23       (9) Chapter 1 of title 44, United States Code, is re-  
24 pealed.

1       (10) The table of chapters for title 44, United States  
 2 Code, is amended by striking the item relating to chapter  
 3 1.

4       (11) Chapter VII of title I of the Second Supple-  
 5 mental Appropriations Act, 1976 (Public Law 94–303; 90  
 6 Stat. 616; 44 U.S.C. 103 note) is amended under the  
 7 heading “JOINT COMMITTEE ON PRINTING” by striking  
 8 the 2 provisos.

9       (12) Title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations  
 10 Act, 1978 (Public Law 95–94; 91 Stat. 669; 44 U.S.C.  
 11 103 note) is amended under the heading “JOINT COMMIT-  
 12 TEE ON PRINTING” by striking the first 2 provisos.

13 **SEC. 507. ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING**  
 14 **AMENDMENTS.**

15       (a) RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION.—After consulta-  
 16 tion with the Committee on Rules and Administration of  
 17 the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the  
 18 House of Representatives, the Administrator of the Office  
 19 of Government Publications, the Superintendent of Gov-  
 20 ernment Publications Access Programs, and the Super-  
 21 intendent of Government Publications Production and  
 22 Procurement Services shall each prepare and submit to  
 23 Congress recommended legislation containing technical  
 24 and conforming amendments to reflect the changes made  
 25 by this Act.

1       (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 6  
2 months after the effective date of this Act, the Adminis-  
3 trator of the Office of Government Publications, the Su-  
4 perintendent of Government Publications Access Pro-  
5 grams, and the Superintendent of Government Publica-  
6 tions Production and Procurement Services shall each sub-  
7 mit the recommended legislation referred to under sub-  
8 section (a).

9   **SEC. 508. IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS.**

10       Effective on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
11 Public Printer and the Superintendent of Documents may  
12 each take such administrative actions as necessary to pro-  
13 vide for the orderly implementation of this Act.

14   **SEC. 509. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15       Except as provided under sections 305, 308, 408, and  
16 508 this Act shall take effect on January 1, 1999.

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